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Organizing A Library System

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This article is an extension of, and intended to be used with, the longer article "Planning for Library Development" which appeared in the December 1956 issue of *Minnesota Libraries*.

The Minnesota proposal for the development of local library service is a valid plan for logical development, whether it is done with aid funds or without. Reason, efficiency and economy all point toward systems of libraries which serve a large area population as the sensible solution for organizing adequate library service. These systems are created by taking the county library idea which has been successful in so many places and applying it to a combination of several counties. In this way, which at present is the only way it can be done under the Minnesota Statutes which relate to libraries, it will be possible to furnish good library service to everyone in the state.

The basic factor is this: The library is created and controlled by the citizens and officials of the area it serves. Just as a county library is governed by a library board, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, representing the county which the library serves, a multi-county library is governed by a library board, appointed by the cooperating Boards of County Commissioners, representing all the counties concerned in the organization.

The Legal Basis

Creating a multi-county library is accomplished through the provisions of two different sections of the Minnesota Statutes. These are the county library law (MSA 375.33) and the joint exercise of powers statute (MSA 471.59). These two statutes are reprinted at the end of this article for ready reference. The county library law provides for the establishment of a library by the county board, permits a possible maximum two-mill levy for supporting the library, and provides for the county library board, the method of appointment and terms of office of members, and its powers. The joint powers statute authorizes any two or more governmental units, by agreement, to exercise any powers they have in common, and specifies what the agreement shall cover.

The Establishment Process

Let us assume that four contiguous counties in Minnesota are interested in establishing a public library service system which will serve their whole area. This means, of course, that local citizen interest has stimulated the members of the Boards of County Commissioners of all four counties to inform themselves of the need and demand for such a library service, and the Boards by official action have decided that they are ready to act favorably on the program. (The process has been described at some length on pages 231-4.) The next step is drawing up the agreement, which must fulfill the requirements of law as stated in the joint powers statute. The two most important elements which must be decided upon are the method by which the library service shall be accomplished (or the manner in which the power is to be exercised), and the details of financing and handling of funds. Such agreements are generally drawn up with the joint participation of one or more commissioners from each county, the county attorneys from each county, and people with expert knowledge of library management. The Library Division of the State Department of Education will furnish advice and assistance in this process to help assure that the library service will meet the requirements for receiving aid. As stated earlier, this assistance is available on request, and any group involved in library planning should ask for help from the beginning.

The method of accomplishing library service is through a library board. The library board created by the agreement should have the same powers as any county library board would have. Its membership should be sufficient in number to represent every county entering into the agreement, and it might be well to have more than one board member from each county. The agreement would specify that each county board would appoint the representatives from their county on the joint library board, and should specify the length of terms of appointment so that, after the initial appointments, terms will be staggered in the same manner as is required for county library boards. This will provide for an overlap-

ping of terms so that the library board will have a continuity of membership experience.

The method of financing is provided for by law. The agreement should specify the millage rate which each county will assess for the library fund. This may well vary. A minimum of one mill would be necessary if the joint library is to qualify for aid. Where a county with an existing county library is one of the parties to the agreement, the millage rate might have to be higher. To qualify for aid, under the Federal regulations, local expenditures may not be lower than they were in fiscal 1956.

The handling of the library fund, which would consist of the pooled library funds of the four counties, is subject to a number of decisions. While it must be done, generally speaking, in the method provided by law for the handling of funds by individual counties, there are still a number of explicit determinations to be made. For efficiency and economy the joint fund for the library should be kept in a single account. The apportionment of expenditures from four different funds would be a complicated and well-nigh impossible task of bookkeeping. Which of the county auditors would have custody of the funds would be specified in the agreement. It might be that the fund would be rotated annually from one county auditor to another. The law permits the agreement to specify a different agency for this function, if this is advisable. The funds must be strictly accounted for, and the agreement must specify this and, also, how the reports of receipts and expenditures shall be made. The reports of all receipts and expenditures must also be made available to the State Department of Education as provided for by law.

The Joint Library Board

The library board, created by the agreement, is the governing power over the joint library and is therefore an extremely important group of people. As a board, it represents the people of the entire area, and the members as individuals represent the citizens of their own counties. They would have the general powers of any library board, which include general responsibility for the library service, the hiring of librarians and assistants, control of the expenditure of all money collected for the library fund, and control of the library's assets. In the aid program they would also have responsibility

for making the library's application for aid funds.

Most of these functions need no further explanation, since they are common to all library boards now operating, but it might be well to look further into the responsibility for library service. The plan and pattern of library service will vary from library system to library system, since they depend on so many different factors which vary from area to area. The number of people to be served, their distribution or concentration, and the distances within the library service area are all important considerations. The number of cities or villages and the size of each, together with the number of rural residents near them, will determine the size of library needed to give adequate service. The number of other rural people and the distances involved in reaching them will determine how many bookmobiles will be needed. And these together will determine how many librarians and other library workers will be needed to do a good job.

The costs of all these library operations, personnel, plus the purchase of needed equipment and supplies, the purchase of books, and the other normal library expenses involved will determine the library's budget requirements. Since these will be much more than the tax income of the library during the establishment period, these factors will also determine how much aid will be required to get the service started.

Again, it should be borne in mind that expert guidance and assistance in this planning will be provided by the Library Division of the State Department of Education, but the library board has the responsibility for making the real decision. This provides for a maximum of local authority over the library system to assure that it will be planned and will operate to the satisfaction of the people of the area it serves.

The Service Budget

Any sound library budget is prepared on the basis of what the library plans to do. The general categories of a library budget are: (1) Personnel, (2) Books and other library materials, (3) Maintenance, and (4) Other operating expenses. Building a service budget for a newly established multi-county library would differ from a customary library budget in the much larger amounts to be invested at the beginning in

books and equipment. The necessarily large amounts required for this purpose are the basic reasons why the aid program is being established. Local financial responsibility for maintenance of local buildings is customary in library systems.

In preparing a proposed budget for a library system, the citizen committee which is working for its establishment, the county commissioners who must act on it, and the library board which will be responsible, must work out in considerable detail the various elements of service and costs.

To reach a minimum adequate level of service, the smallest library system should have five professionally trained librarians. These people may already be employed in the area, but in most areas it will be necessary to bring in some new people. This means that adequate salaries must be offered. The quickest way to arrive at a reasonable estimate in an area is to take the total of all present library salaries in the area, and add to it the amount required for the additional personnel, including professional, sub-professional, clerical and (where bookmobiles are used) drivers.

In every area of the state, where adequate service is not already in existence, it will be necessary to acquire a large book collection rapidly. To reach a minimum of around 100,000 volumes during the establishment period, most systems would have to acquire over 25,000 volumes a year for three years. This usually means more personnel during the expansion period than would be required later, as well as large sums for books.

A satisfactory bookmobile costs \$8,000 or more at present price levels. After the initial purchase, the library budget should amortize this investment over a ten year period, but this item further expands the establishment budget.

The new libraries to be opened will also expand the establishment budget requirements. It may not be possible, or feasible, to start all new service outlets the first year, and the board may decide that its goal will be a certain number each year until the entire area is adequately covered. This part of the establishment program must be carefully planned if it is to be budgeted for adequately, and carried out satisfactorily. And another important consideration is the continued operation and improvement of

existing libraries which join the system. The budget for other operating expenses must make an adequate allowance for telephone, postage, supplies and travel within the system to library meetings. At first there would probably be a considerable expense in purchasing typewriters and other types of equipment, and perhaps furniture. It is also a wise step to budget for a regular process of in-service training for library workers, since most will not have had formal library training.

The Existing Libraries

Every existing library in an area covered by a library system should become a member of the system. However, it must be to their advantage to do so or their boards would not be justified in doing so. Therefore, an important part of the initial planning is the relationship that the existing libraries will have to the system. In some areas where the need for rural development is greatest there is a city which exceeds the 10,000 population limitation placed on federal aid. It would be uneconomic, if not downright foolish, to plan a library system which does not draw upon the strength of such a library. Since this element is a special one, and complicates the picture somewhat, it would require special consideration in each instance, and the relationship cannot be described in general terms. However, it is possible under the terms of the law to arrange for contractual or exchange services between these larger libraries in such a way that they become integral parts of the system except for actual participation in aid funds.

The smaller community libraries (under 10,000) are a simpler matter, fit readily into the aid program, and must be included in all plans for system establishment and development. The service must be planned in such a way that not only will their existing strength add to the strength of the system, but also (and even more importantly) so that the system will operate to improve and enlarge their library services.

The boards of these libraries would retain all of their present responsibilities except for their control over a portion of the library finances. They would still appoint their local librarian or librarians, and have complete responsibility, including financial, for the library building or other housing. Their librarian would still be responsible

for the selection of books for the local library. Since the library would be expected to serve the surrounding rural population in addition to the city or village population, all of the costs of library service except the building maintenance, would be paid for out of the general budget of the system. Through membership in the system, the library would have many times more books available than at present, and would be able to offer audio-visual services and special interest services to both adults and young people which few of these libraries can now offer. As a result of this, and of the addition of a larger population to be served,

many of these libraries would need to be open longer hours, and as a result would require more money to be spent for salaries. In some places this would mean additional people, but ordinarily the fact that the local librarian is relieved of most of the routine and the "chores," it would probably mean only a change in the emphasis on the kinds of work presently being done.

One thing which local people should keep in mind is that the new service will probably cost them just as much as the old did. The benefit of membership in a system is that it provides more and better library service for the same amount of money.

Applicable Minnesota Statutes

375.33 FREE COUNTY LIBRARIES. Subdivision 1. CREATING, FINANCING. The county board of any county may establish and maintain, at a location determined by the board, a public library for the free use of residents of the county, and may levy an annual tax of not more than two mills on the dollar of all taxable property which is not already taxed for the support of any free public library and all taxable property which is situated outside of any city or village in which is situated a free public library. The proceeds of this tax shall be placed in the county library fund.

Subd. 2. ESTABLISHMENT; PETITION, ELECTION. If such county library be not otherwise established, upon petition of not less than 100 freeholders of the county, the county board shall submit the question of the establishment and maintenance of a free public library to the voters at the next county election. If a majority of the votes cast on such question be in the affirmative, the county board shall establish the library and shall levy annually a tax for its support, within the limits fixed by subdivision 1.

Subd. 4. LIBRARY BOARD. If no free public library in the county is available for use as a central library of the county system, the county board shall appoint a library board of five directors. The term of office of these directors is three years, and each director shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Of the directors first appointed, two shall hold office for three years, two for two years, and one for one year from the third Saturday of July following their appointment, as specified by the county board; and thereafter the directors shall be appointed for a term of three years. This board of directors shall have the powers and duties of a board of directors of any free public library in a city or village, and shall be governed by the provisions of sections 134.09, 134.11 to 134.15.

[1919 c. 445; 1943 c. 94 s. 1; 1947 c. 64 s. 1; 1949 c. 266 s. 1; 1951 c. 217 s. 2] (673)

471.59 JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS. Subdivision 1. Two or more governmental units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, including those which are the same except for the territorial limits within which they may be exercised. The term "governmental unit" as used in this section includes every city, village, borough, county, town, school district, and other political subdivision.

Subd. 2. AGREEMENT TO STATE PURPOSE. Such agreement shall state the purpose of the agreement or the power to be exercised and it shall provide for the method by which the purpose sought shall be accomplished or the manner in which the power shall be exercised.

Subd. 3. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS. The parties to such agreement may provide for disbursements from public funds to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Funds may be paid to and disbursed by such agency as may be agreed upon, but the method of disbursement shall agree as far as practicable with the method provided by law for the disbursement of funds by the parties to the agreement. Strict accountability of all funds and report of all receipts and disbursements shall be provided for.

Subd. 4. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT. Such agreement may be continued for a definite term or until rescinded or terminated in accordance with its terms.

Subd. 5. Such agreement shall provide for the disposition of any property acquired as the result of such joint or cooperative exercise of powers, and the return of any surplus moneys in proportion to contributions of the several contracting parties after the purpose of the agreement has been completed.

Subd. 6. RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT. Residence requirements for holding office in any governmental unit shall not apply to any officer appointed to carry out any such agreement.

Subd. 7. This section does not dispense with procedural requirements of any other act providing for the joint or cooperative exercise of any governmental power.

[1943 c. 557; 1949 c. 448 s. 1, 2, 3]

Public Library Statistics

Minnesota has an excellent record in publishing public library statistics. Anyone wishing to study the growth of public library service can go back a half-century to the early issues of *Library Notes and News* and work forward. In the early years the statistics were not published annually, but they were published regularly and the annual compilations have been published for about 30 years.

This year's statistics are presented uniformly with recent past years, with a single exception. Those communities which spend less than ten cents per capita for library service are excluded from listing with the total for population served. This has resulted in a reduction of some seven thousand persons from last year's figure. This minimum figure was adopted to be uniform with the minimum A.L.A. standard for listing county libraries. It is certainly a reasonable minimum.

In the figure for the number of libraries, there is a slight growth in number. One new public library was established in the newly incorporated community of Silver Bay in Lake County. The community was incorporated in October and took over the operation of the association library which had begun earlier. The other increase appears in the addition of two association libraries. Libraries of this type are usually quite small and many of them operate on a shoestring. Some of them are open one year and closed the next, only to reopen when the necessary local arrangements can be made. These libraries while they constitute nearly one-fifth of the number of libraries, serve less than one percent of the population and account for only two tenths of one percent of the total library expenditures. It is to be hoped that as library systems are established over the state through the new development program, all of these libraries will become members of a system so that their services can be improved to the point where they will meet some reasonable standard of adequacy.

Library Support

There is little change in the level of support of public libraries between this year and last. The small per capita increase in the largest cities does represent considerable sums of money. The changes in communities under 10,000 population are minuscule.

The slight drop in the 5,000-10,000 group results from the fact that figures are not available for two libraries which reported too late for publication. The only sizable gain is shown by the county libraries, but an examination of the figures will show that most of this increase was confined to a few of the libraries.

Book Stocks and Use

The number of library books per capita in the state shows a steady growth, but there is some question as to whether it is actually keeping up with the growth in population. An even more important factor, which is not tabulated in the reports, is the number of new books added to public libraries during the year. This should be around two-tenths of a book per person if it is to permit a replacement of the present stock in a ten year period, which is a normal amortization figure for wear and obsolescence. So, the actual number of books reported is not uniformly significant in all libraries. A great many smaller libraries have a large proportion of completely obsolete books which could be discarded from the library without being missed, and to the great profit and convenience of the public which wishes to use the remainder.

The rate of library use has risen an overall four percent. This could be called significant since it amounts to nearly half a million books. This figure also shows a steady increase, but there are some important differences by size library. National studies indicate that usually smaller communities show a higher per capita circulation than larger ones given adequate library service. The fact that there is little difference between size groups in the Minnesota figures is just another indication of the fact that the smaller libraries just do not have the books they should. Only about one-fourth of our libraries have collections of standard size; most of these are in the larger communities; and even some of these collections contain many books which the public no longer finds interesting or useful.

A Ten-Year Comparison

The year 1946 was the first full year after the end of World War II. Exactly ten years have passed, so it might be well to see what changes, if any, have taken place since in the general library statistics.

Although public library collections have grown in numbers, the number of library books per capita is still the same. This means that we have again caught up with the growth reflected in the 1950 census, but no more. Since we are the same number of years away from the census that the 1946 figures were, and since the rate of growth has accelerated with the birth rate, the best guess is that our libraries are falling behind. The fact that they were below standard to begin with makes this picture even gloomier.

The use of public libraries is also exactly the same per capita figure as that for ten years ago. On the same criteria mentioned above this means that people must be reading somewhat less. In the intervening years the reading habits of America have felt the impact of television. In those same years, library circulation figures fell in Minnesota almost one book per capita, but began their climb back a few years ago. The fact that the average Minnesotan reads five books per year from his public library is still nothing to boast about. One very significant point is that where the public has a large stock of good books to pick from the per capita figures are much above average. This merely reinforces the principle that every library should have an ample stock of usable materials if it is to give adequate service.

The expenditures comparison shows little that is reassuring. During the period being compared, we have seen a general inflation of price levels with the accompanying inflation of costs of library operation. Library support per capita in Minnesota has increased 88% in the ten-year period. Library operating costs have increased more than this in some expenditures, such as salaries, and less in others, such as books. The figures indicate that in most places the amount spent for library service has not kept up with the increase in cost. In a few libraries the increase has been sufficient to permit an improvement in service. The largest increase was in expenditures for county service.

There is one big "however" in all this. Our public library services were carefully studied in the period between these statistics. At that time, most of our libraries were shown to be inadequate to give the kinds of library service which the public

expects and is entitled to receive. There has not been a sufficient increase in library expenditures even to begin overcoming the handicaps of inadequacy in most of our libraries.

We can point with pride to the great progress being made by a few of our libraries, but the library situation in most of Minnesota is a powerful argument in favor of our present plans for doing something about it.

Other Comment

A final point of interest is taken from comments written by Lee Zimmerman with the publication of the 1939 statistics:

"The 1939 statistics for public libraries found elsewhere in these pages should serve to establish the status of public library conditions in this state. Reports submitted this year by individual libraries were on the whole more complete and reliable than those sent in heretofore.

"Comparisons with last year's statistics show no marked changes. Seven new public libraries have been established, four of which were formerly association libraries. In addition four association libraries were organized.

"A slight decline in the number of registered borrowers was shown on many of the reports submitted. This decline can be attributed to a revision by many libraries of their registration files and to a re-registration of borrowers. While this is a step in the right direction, it should be pointed out here that the data for registered borrowers is the most unreliable column in the statistical tables.

"Its unreliability is due to the fact that there is no uniformity or consistency in the practice of registering borrowers. Some libraries re-register their borrowers every two years, others every three years, while still others wait five years or more. There are some libraries that never re-register at all. Accordingly, those libraries with frequent re-registrations show a smaller per cent of their population as library users. In fact, some libraries report more registered borrowers than inhabitants. Until all libraries in the state adopt a uniform period of registration, and re-register their patrons periodically, the number of registered borrowers reported in these statistics each year must remain inaccurate."

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Popu- lation (1960 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES				
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ¹	Books, Period- icals, Binding & Aud. Vis.	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor Expenses	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
A. L. A. Standard																	
Over 50,000 Pop'n.																	
521,718	Minneapolis.....	Glenn M. Lewis.....	14,000	1 1/2 Per Capita	165,565	31	3,367,954	6.4	4.49	1,626,900	106,190	1,733,091	3.12	200,838	1,279,233	1,764,115	\$1.50
311,349	St. Paul.....	J. Archer Eggen.....	11,196	2 Per Capita	96,683	31	1,549,181	4.9	2.70	682,515	29,054	711,569	2.19	78,065	457,583	695,125	3.38
104,511	Duluth.....	Donald C. Forter.....	6,600	2 Per Capita	23,732	23	482,626	4.6	2.70	166,514	2,853	169,347	1.59	15,603	110,451	164,761	1.58
A. L. A. Standard																	
10,000-50,000 Pop'n.																	
13,545	Albert Lea.....	Gyla Caulfield.....	4,680	1 1/2 Per Capita	4,879	36	70,730	5.2	1.57	21,290	.....	21,220	1.57	4,765	9,730	20,434	1.51
23,100	Austin.....	Mabel C. Olson.....	4,300	2 Per Capita	12,204	52	129,872	5.6	2.50	32,715	439	33,154	1.42	8,792	14,651	23,008	1.00
10,001	Bemidji.....	Orda F. Nilson.....	3,600	2 Per Capita	14,379	49	47,828	3.7	3.21	10,622	455	11,078	1.06	2,504	3,600	11,008	1.10
12,637	Brainerd.....	Helen Rumberg.....	3,075	2 Per Capita	20,561	41	47,828	3.7	4.5	11,851	571	12,422	1.05	3,108	5,790	11,784	.83
16,028	Faribault.....	Esther M. Reinke.....	4,140	2 Per Capita	27,890	36	87,074	6.9	3.00	24,338	2,086	26,424	1.45	4,184	13,405	27,537	2.23
12,917	Fergus Falls.....	Esther Crina.....	2,900	2 Per Capita	20,730	42	108,256	6.1	3.74	18,043	993	19,036	1.63	3,312	9,762	15,771	1.44
16,276	Hibbing.....	Carl C. Johnson.....	4,380	2 Per Capita	21,632	43	112,358	6.8 1/2	1.90	24,656	3,764	28,420	3.01	9,223	30,156	51,777	3.18
18,509	Mankato.....	Ludora H. Vogel.....	4,800	2 Per Capita	41,632	48	149,109	7.5	4.00	24,855	1,044	24,989	1.32	4,222	13,267	24,192	1.20
14,570	Marquette.....	Lyrlle Rudquist.....	4,800	2 Per Capita	21,923	48	83,161	5.9	5.00	29,690	2,972	32,662	1.73	4,400	11,451	24,892	1.41
10,144	Owamunee.....	Edna V. Steiner.....	4,740	2 Per Capita	23,641	47	64,254	6.5	4.00	29,348	2,172	31,520	2.69	5,874	12,303	23,778	1.41
10,445	Red Wing.....	Edna V. Steiner.....	4,600	2 Per Capita	23,001	44	69,732	6.8	4.50	26,536	2,139	28,675	2.50	5,512	12,303	23,770	2.22
28,824	Rockledge.....	Louelle Gottry.....	6,000	2 Per Capita	13,533	48	208,085	7.3	3.21	60,459	1,438	61,897	2.15	14,416	35,410	66,391	1.1
28,410	St. Cloud.....	Mrs. Merle Lennartson.....	5,172	2 Per Capita	10,511	31	140,341	5.0	3.74	41,946	1,356	43,302	1.52	7,281	26,250	41,974	1.52
15,009	South St. Paul.....	Mrs. Dorothy Jorstad.....	4,080	2 Per Capita	5,029	29	68,829	4.3	2.00	24,221	1,039	25,160	1.52	4,575	15,290	24,880	1.1
12,466	Virginia.....	Ethel Binney.....	4,500	2 Per Capita	4,446	36	99,597	7.9	2.08	46,216	1,392	47,578	3.70	7,359	24,792	47,578	3.81
25,031	Winona.....	Anita C. Saxine.....	5,500	2 Per Capita	7,629	30	135,883	5.4	3.25	31,827	2,216	34,043	1.25	9,079	23,292	42,147	1.68

¹See statistics on county and/or rural school library service.²Includes county collection.³Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library⁴Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.¹¹Not computed as county figures are included in total.¹²No tax levied. Receipts appropriation from general fund.

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	A. L. A. Standard			3 Per		45	9											\$1.50
6,319	Alexandria	Gena J. Bakken	4,000	12,444	4,111	49	24,303	32	12	8,532	830	9,362	1.35	1,887	4,500	8,936	1.41	
7,360	Anoka	Mrs. Kenneth D. Talbot	3,180	10,123	3,384	34	22,637	38	13	9,595	344	9,939	1.59	2,158	5,323	9,751	1.1	
6,959	Chisholm	Mrs. Ann M. Mosca	5,550	46,667	3,431	49	82,952	11.8	63	31,395	527	31,922	4.48	2,763	14,470	30,430	4.35	
7,685	Cloquet	Helen Jensen	4,603	25,447	2,827	37	70,517	9.1	54	19,704	921	20,625	2.56	3,318	12,190	20,539	2.67	
8,175	Columbia Heights	No report																
7,352	Crookston	Mrs. Cleo Thompson	4,300	17,220	1,754	23	48,044	6.5	48	13,738	416	14,154	1.87	3,183	6,732	13,085	1.78	
5,787	Detroit Lakes	Mrs. Bertha Beug	2,100	12,870	1,945	32	21,840	3.7	30	5,329	592	5,921	.92	906	2,141	5,816	1.00	
5,474	Ely	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis	1,215	9,877	2,192	40	30,417	5.5	40	10,396	39	10,435	1.90	1,343	5,859	10,480	1.91	
6,749	Eveleth	Kathleen McCormick	3,780	26,379	2,899	43	48,910	7.2	63	26,305	619	26,924	4.39	2,218	14,408	26,093	3.87	
8,193	Farmont	Mary Edwards	3,300	20,290	3,896	45	48,451	5.9	36	9,736	231	9,967	1.19	2,284	4,545	9,319	1.14	
10,088	Grand Rapids	Mrs. Mata C. Bennett	3,194	25,983	3,590	36	50,272	4.9	49	21,885	531	22,416	2.55	4,141	8,814	19,365	1.92	
7,505	Hastings	Jeanette A. Schoenbauer	3,172	17,976	5,293	61	924	1	39					186	42	244	.04	
6,569	Hopkins	Mrs. Blomie Mountain	5,700	17,362	2,615	42	57,328	7.5	21	18,740	857	19,598	2.47	1,933	8,700	19,598	2.58	
6,269	International Falls	Marie Knudson	1,740	13,320	2,195	32	40,673	8.4	55	20,650	1,584	22,234	3.29	2,490	17,740	27,874	1.19	
6,717	Little Falls	Barbara Lentz	3,480					6.0	48	7,699	221	7,850	1.13	1,998	3,725	7,980		
5,923	Marshall	Mrs. R. B. Stevens, Sr.	1,980	11,949	2,091	55	14,785	2.7	25	6,596		6,596	1.11					
5,459	Montevideo	Mrs. Frances Bergh	3,603	19,067	1,668	17	78,769	8.4	27	5,655		5,655	1.04	768	1,980	4,429	.81	
9,348	New Ulm	Mrs. Clifford Fering	3,003	19,067	1,698	17	78,769	8.4	25	13,095	5,075	18,170	1.40	2,837	9,058	16,610	1.78	
7,487	Northfield	Zoe Baur	No report															
5,269	Priest Lake	Mrs. John G. Strong	2,578	20,985	2,448	45	40,875	7.7	35	7,390	647	8,037	1.41	2,842	3,989	7,941	1.51	
7,754	St. Peter	Mrs. Marjorie M. Haescke	1,748	9,306	3,606	61	15,962	2.7	30	3,980	506	4,486	.67	735	2,472	4,395	.75	
7,674	Stillwater	Gertrude Glennon	3,230	25,582	5,178	67	36,521	4.7	50	14,806	955	15,761	1.93	2,492	9,136	15,123	1.97	
6,926	Thief River Falls	Frances Shanahan	3,120	22,582	7,611		188,186	54	44	16,145	709	16,854	2.33	3,477	8,027	15,703	1.97	
9,410	Willmar	Amy Hanscom	3,351	13,048	5,658	68	43,954	5.4	54	15,910	486	16,396	1.98	1,871	7,184	11,290	1.41	

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					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ^s	Books, Period- icals, Binding & Aud. Vis.	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
A. L. A. Standard 2,500-5,000 Pop'n.																	
2,502	Bayport.....	Nina Brown.....	No report	3 Per Capita	45	9	5.2	27	2.19	3,611	95	3,706	1.06	470	2,529	3,492	1.03
3,398	Benson.....	Mrs. Jean Goldsberry.....	2,160	10,448	2,048	53	17,920	33	.....	4,347	61	4,408	1.13	920	2,884	3,429	.89
3,843	Blue Earth.....	Mrs. Walter Heinicke.....	2,225	12,708	2,048	53	19,276	13 1/2	3.15	3,039	55	3,094	.84	534	1,540	2,256	.62
3,623	Breckenridge.....	Mrs. Eva M. Bloomfield.....	1,980	8,959	1,276	35	17,317	10	12	731	.....	731	.26	289	526	882	.32
2,777	Crosby.....	Mrs. Arthur Bergjord.....	525	8,880	840	30	5,901	2.1	10	1,100	119	1,219	.39	479	531	1,083	.39
2,801	Glenwood.....	Mrs. F. P. Serrin.....	1,200	7,423	1,830	35	10,345	7	3.00	3,000	257	3,257	1.13	881	1,240	3,259	1.22
2,666	Glenwood.....	Mrs. B. E. Palmer.....	660	7,518	1,225	49	14,712	12	.....	3,310	350	3,660	1.32	768	660	2,576	1.03
2,511	Granite Falls.....	Mrs. Mabel C. Schulte.....	2,640	12,555	1,970	29	34,780	5.8	35 1/2	1,963	186	2,149	.59	655	1,357	2,049	.62
4,690	Hutchinson.....	Mrs. L. L. Johnson.....	1,320	8,671	1,711	51	20,979	6.3	12	4,355	2,546	6,901	1.26	802	5,462	5,543	1.60
3,313	Jackson.....	Ethel Dunn.....	2,640	9,044	1,294	34	14,891	4.3	41 1/2	3,285	1,220	4,505	1.21	757	1,220	2,757	1.03
2,713	Le Sueur.....	Mrs. M. C. Johnson.....	1,220	4,747	1,207	39	13,155	4.8	15	6,196	1,025	7,231	1.34	1,974	2,696	6,560	1.1
4,608	Litchfield.....	Mrs. Gale H. Block.....	2,400	11,541	1,940	30	33,022	7.1	31	3,005	204	3,209	.82	687	1,518	3,120	.85
3,811	Luverne.....	Mrs. Cora M. Main.....	1,500	8,887	1,648	42	13,670	3.7	30	4,517	48	4,565	1.19	1,266	2,276	4,932	1.29
2,699	Norris.....	Margaret Grove.....	2,160	13,336	2,378	62	20,052	5.2	25 1/2	3,500	259	3,759	.73	915	2,429	3,580	.75
4,788	North Mankato.....	Mrs. Isabelle M. Johnson.....	1,743	6,695	1,482	31	17,200	3.6	30	7,580	189	7,769	.98	1,188	2,342	3,697	.87
3,027	North St. Paul.....	Mrs. Ada Theisen.....	1,900	9,357	3,507	82	19,606	6.5	26	5,054	458	5,512	1.96	819	2,277	4,729	1.84
2,577	Ortonville.....	Mrs. Ray McCollier.....	780	8,008	937	27	28,791	9.5	11 1/2	3,993	229	4,222	1.31	1,093	1,622	3,371	1.11
2,927	Park Rapids.....	Mrs. B. E. Worsch.....	2,353	11,047	1,830	45	33,405	9.5	28 1/2	8,124	658	8,782	2.13	1,618	3,188	6,550	1.72
3,813	Redwood Falls.....	Mrs. George Adrian.....	193,938	10,682	1,245	32	23,547	6.0	40	2,268	94	2,362	.59	2,279	.....	2,828	.73
3,801	St. James.....	Belva Johnson.....	9	18,414	2,059	43	74,468	.....	53	5,704	4,171	9,375	1.93	2,431	5,762	79,577	.....
3,140	Sauk Centre.....	Nellie Perowski.....	1,116	4,469	727	10	15,173	.....	40	.....	759	1,200	.....	884	2,575	4,783	.....
3,410	Silver Bay.....	Mrs. John P. Davidson.....	1,116	5,886	1,501	46	13,330	4.0	1.50	2,082	16	2,098	.04	204	337	11	.....
3,176	Sleepy Eye.....	Helen C. Domrowski.....	623	5,971	1,239	51	12,757	4.9	13	1,200	125	1,325	.47	725	1,116	3,675	1.12
2,752	Springfield.....	Dale M. Ahlbrecht.....	835	6,091	1,784	24	23,677	9.2	24	4,463	117	4,580	.85	822	623	1,652	.64
4,400	Staples.....	Mrs. James Finnigan.....	1,620	11,109	3,340	68	14,571	4.8	3.00	2,581	132	2,693	.85	791	1,620	3,553	.85
3,458	Two Harbors.....	Mrs. James W. Hamilton.....	103,300	16,711	3,012	68	73,519	.....	4.3	2,748	380	3,129	.62	611	3,924	5,353	1.1
3,646	White Lake.....	Rose V. Wagner.....	1,847	6,824	2,333	64	25,312	6.9	1.30	4,535	832	5,367	.80	739	1,847	3,581	1.09
3,105	Winom.....	Mrs. E. T. Butler.....	1,200	4,350	306	15	12,038	3.8	2.30	3,000	66	3,066	.95	818	1,433	2,594	.82

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					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ^a	Books, Period- icals, Binding Per Aud. Vis.	Salaries Exclusive of Junior	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n.																	
2,121	Ada.....	Mrs. Louise Tufta.....	415	3 Per Capita	346	45	9	8	1.00	635	12	648	.30	134	415	554	\$1.50
2,079	Aitkin.....	Mrs. Pearl Baker.....	1,005	5,447	1,315	61	1,292	24	3.00	1,396	48	1,444	.67	307	1,005	1,685	.26
2,256	Appleton.....	Mrs. I. Omondson.....	600	6,150	1,037	46	3,577	12	1.12	792	83	875	.35	433	650	1,152	.81
1,371	Aurora.....	Mary Turk.....	1,500	6,137	780	57	19,851	14	2.31	5,107	14	5,107	.37	2,919	1,531	4,490	3.28
1,708	Bele Plaine.....	Mrs. Henrietta Schmidt.....	1,560	3,532	218	12	2,522	14	1.00	621	35	656	.63	308	150	544	.32
1,333	Bird Island.....	Mrs. D. R. Miller.....	489	4,081	469	35	6,098	4.5	1.50	845	35	850	.63	616	486	1,138	.85
1,245	Bwabik.....	Mary Miners.....	186	7,216	.....	.....	1,046	2	1.12	300	151	300	.24	300	.....	300	.24
1,320	Bovey.....	Mrs. Edna Waugensteen.....	2,322	11,574	853	47	11,768	8.9	3.98	6,530	151	6,681	4.95	1,660	3,305	6,116	11
1,117	Brown Valley.....	Mrs. Barbara Piechowski.....	620	2,975	345	30	2,437	2.1	1.12	1,381	34	1,415	1.24	146	620	1,381	1.24
1,914	Buffalo.....	Mrs. Jessie S. Moulton.....	840	6,097	653	35	8,783	4.5	1.32	2,208	85	2,353	.66	616	550	1,203	.63
1,402	Buhl.....	Mrs. Jeanne Staforoni.....	3,000	12,888	516	35	11,587	7.9	.80	8,440	.....	8,440	5.48	784	3,473	8,440	5.77
2,243	Caledonia.....	Mrs. Julia Schroeder.....	No statis- tics avail- able	.....	.....	.....	18,404	8.4	1.12	1,460	157	1,617	.67	542	895	1,514	.70
2,173	Canby.....	Mrs. Anne Lortie.....	720	10,685	1,451	57	4,256	2.6	1.12	2,074	2,305	4,380	1.29	305	1,448	2,000	1.25
1,905	Chadfield.....	Mrs. Alberta Wilson.....	1,320	6,780	1,249	48	4,462	4.0	1.12	300	220	619	.36	325	264	643	.58
1,106	Chaska.....	Mrs. Arnold E. Welden.....	264	3,822	628	54	18,501	39	1.12	808	341	908	.61	1,290	3,900	4,596	.....
1,403	Coleraine.....	Mrs. C. D. Smith.....	3,300	15,589	1,435	63	18,501	13.8	1.51	8,708	341	9,048	.69	1,431	4,789	6,222	6.98
1,321	Dawson.....	Mrs. Edna Trotter.....	780	3,991	321	29	1,053	3.8	1.12	1,465	414	1,879	.80	458	1,780	2,447	1.33
1,834	DeLano.....	Mary Ellen Trueman.....	171	1,035	399	29	4,474	1.0	4.00	1,465	414	1,879	.80	458	1,780	2,447	1.33
1,399	Elk River.....	Mrs. Zella M. Page.....	1,035	5,369	589	41	4,457	3.1	3.99	1,992	52	2,042	1.15	202	1,035	1,338	1.38
1,143	Fairfax.....	Mrs. Mary La Fontaine.....	323	1,640	1,203	63	7,353	3.1	1.12	1,992	52	2,042	1.15	202	1,035	1,338	1.38
1,918	Farmington.....	Mrs. Cora Homola.....	385	1,640	1,203	63	7,353	3.1	1.12	1,992	52	2,042	1.15	202	1,035	1,338	1.38
1,089	Foley.....	Mrs. Al Herbrand.....	460	2,982	461	42	7,184	6.1	1.12	200	127	327	.44	109	323	432	.42
1,614	Fosston.....	Esther Laue.....	.....	.....	282	17	7,661	3.2	2.80	655	150	805	.88	476	385	658	.88
1,149	Galeville.....	Genevieve Hyslop.....	678	2,272	370	32	3,550	2.0	1.00	430	140	570	.78	515	460	555	.78
2,247	Gilbert.....	Mrs. Eva Kieren.....	1,275	10,150	1,436	64	21,734	9.6	1.12	8,275	31	8,306	.68	1,633	5,195	8,016	3.61
1,078	Grand Marais.....	Cecilia M. Taylor.....	369	5,300	560	50	1,902	1.7	1.50	1,139	486	1,625	1.06	246	369	606	.56
1,552	Grand Rapids.....	Mrs. Mattie Pearson.....	57	1,940	211	14	2,800	1.8	1.12	1,139	9	1,190	.12	123	57	203	.12
1,333	Hallok.....	Anna C. Jensen.....	1,080	4,455	631	45	6,270	4.6	3.00	1,494	165	1,659	1.10	584	1,080	1,710	1.26
1,807	Kasson.....	Alma L. Lewis.....	.....	.....	717,112	46	7,772	2.2	1.12	591	43	634	.36	2,575	10,011	712,672	38
1,651	Keweenaw.....	Sedora Underdahl.....	410	3,423	517	18	3,772	2.2	1.12	591	43	634	.36	2,575	10,011	712,672	38
1,208	Lamerton.....	Mrs. George Arnoldi.....	280	1,947	184	10	1,743	1.4	1.00	503	3	506	.42	181	410	626	.35
2,443	Long Prairie.....	Mrs. Ermin Reichert.....	705	4,186	746	31	6,870	2.8	1.10	756	89	845	.31	133	705	705	.33

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A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n. —Continued—																	
2,303	Madison	Mrs. C. W. Kells	1,930	11,580	981	30	18,280	33	3.00	3,662	958	4,620	1.02	1,195	1,931	4,019	1.75
1,274	Minnetonka	Mrs. I. R. Culshaw	184	3,174	966	76	3,941	3.0	1.00	498	436	934	.39	327	184	524	.41
1,913	Montgomery	Lena Lehman	394	1,648	512	27	4,577	2.3	1.12	1,277	20	1,297	.63	93	720	891	.47
1,231	Monticello	Mrs. Laila Sundstrom	100	824	35	192	19	3 1/2	1.00	927	87	927	.75	100	100	604	1.90
1,603	Moore Lake	Mrs. Nellie Anderson	198	2,911	183	60	4,158	13.0	2.00	579	87	666	1.82	383	198	604	4.84
1,377	Mountain Iron	Mrs. Geo. A. Kakela	2,400	13,114	1,009	49	16,203	54	5.07	6,660	70	6,660	1.83	837	3,480	6,658	4.84
1,733	Mountain Lake	Mrs. Susan Kiewer	780	5,789	947	55	11,585	6.6	2.50	1,611	70	1,681	.93	837	834	1,881	1.09
2,029	Newark	Mrs. Frances Armstrong	681	3,814	1,074	37	7,203	45	1.00	2,249	73	2,322	1.35	2,080	10,011	712,268	1.35
1,672	Olivia	Mrs. Lloyd E. Warner	816	6,115	944	45	14,681	7.2	2.20	2,000	109	2,109	.99	959	681	2,088	1.17
1,503	Parkville	Mrs. G. E. Johnson	648	4,441	389	23	9,727	6.4	2.80	1,600	43	1,643	1.06	642	648	1,642	1.09
1,937	Pine City	Mrs. Eleanor Hime	1,043	4,745	1,208	62	10,135	5.2	3.00	2,257	49	2,306	1.17	567	1,043	1,706	.88
1,298	Pine Island	Mrs. Clara E. Dickman	1,700	9,434	2,062	91	25,033	19.2	1.96	2,250	15	2,265	1.73	562	1,700	3,080	2.37
1,524	Plainview	Grace M. Wright	985	5,898	561	33	3,542	2.5	1.06	1,237	62	1,297	.81	229	985	1,248	.82
1,399	Preston	Mrs. Russell E. Vischer	940	4,909	631	36	5,425	3.8	1.37	1,367	62	1,429	.91	354	840	1,386	.99
1,733	Red Lake Falls	Harold Spears	1,242	7,810	1,225	55	7,612	40	2.81	1,200	471	1,671	.54	228	1,242	288	.13
2,231	Rosau	Mrs. Pearl Lundquist	300	4,778	1,225	55	10,247	27	2.81	1,200	471	1,671	.54	391	1,242	1,680	.73
1,270	Rushford	Mrs. Roy Stephens	895	6,670	1,521	53	8,677	6.8	1.50	1,513	229	1,742	.98	226	895	966	.76
1,948	St. Charles	Mrs. Carl Benedict	805	5,620	726	36	8,435	4	2.00	1,513	229	1,742	.98	828	805	1,753	1.13
1,877	Sandstone	Mrs. Daisy W. Martin	1,075	5,526	1,057	60	14,132	9	2.00	2,262	1	2,262	.97	140	1,075	929	.96
2,467	Spring Valley	Mrs. John W. Keyser	1,938	3,623	1,968	45	9,118	25	5.00	3,000	208	3,208	1.22	657	1,938	2,262	1.20
1,193	Stewartville	Mrs. Bertha Radtke	1,258	3,623	1,968	44	7,621	36	5.00	3,000	208	3,208	1.22	1,048	1,938	3,054	1.48
1,421	Tyler	Mrs. Clovis Smith	1,420	2,206	441	39	4,250	4.0	2.00	881	34	915	1.06	148	1,258	1,427	1.20
2,468	Wabasha	Mrs. Eugene Wells	1,200	6,590	803	32	9,725	3.9	1.7	881	75	915	.79	383	1,200	1,589	.85
1,192	Walker	Clara G. Pfeiffer	840	5,560	341	18	4,087	3.4	1.00	1,117	143	1,260	.94	276	840	1,020	.94
1,779	Warren	Mrs. Florence Stein	180	4,775	231	13	1,975	7	1.00	1,117	143	1,260	.94	276	840	1,020	.94
1,627	Waverly	Mrs. Emory Johnson	300	4,992	469	29	2,813	12	2.00	1,400	33	1,400	.66	53	300	504	.31
2,127	Winnetka	Mrs. Hazel M. Amundson	1,080	4,300	2,622	48	5,433	2.5	2.00	1,400	33	1,400	.66	53	1,080	1,278	.60
1,686	Zumbrota	Mrs. James Clark	1,500	7,586	1,407	48	13,166	8.9	2.02	3,400	84	3,484	2.02	1,170	1,500	3,351	1.99

¹See statistics on county and/or rural school library service.²Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.³Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are

based only on local population.

⁴Public library giving school service.⁵Includes both school and municipal figures.

School library serving as public library.

Salary paid by school board.

Not computed as county figures are included in total.

No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.

MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1956

Popu- lation (1950 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES					
				Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income of Capita ^a	Books, Period- icals, Binding & Aud. Vis.	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita	
	A. L. A. Standard Less Than 1,000 Population			3 Per Capita	45	9											\$1.50
929	Baudette.....	Mrs. O. Engb.....	320	3,777	406	7,414	7.9	4 1/2	600	92	692	.65	347	320	667	.72	
659	Belgrade.....	Mrs. E. P. Poverud.....	231	2,111	439	67	1,850	2.8	10	615	1615	.....	132	231	622	.....
732	Blackduck.....	Mrs. Magda Bogart.....	120	2,544	597	80	4,994	6.8	5 1/2	499	64	.563	419	120	678	.93	
735	Browerville.....	Mary Wesloski.....	120	2,919	215	29	2,919	3.9	5	207	207	.28	.....	120	247	.34	
854	Calumet.....	Sophie Njegovan.....	1,140	6,000	303	28	5,854	6.8	28	1,351	656	2,007	666	1,232	2,262	2.20	
650	Carlton.....	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster.....	600	3,218	170	24	4,386	6.7	12	1,855	22	1,877	712	600	1,431	2.20	
901	Edgerton.....	Mrs. Anna Brookhouse.....	312	2,929	979	16	5,588	5.8	6	1,044	39	683	358	332	1,786	.82	
962	Graceville.....	Mrs. John R. Daly.....	600	6,016	339	36	9,848	10.2	7	1,294	90	1,384	518	600	1,476	1.53	
766	Grand Meadow.....	Mrs. Ada Schleiger.....	453	1,971	278	36	3,007	3.9	10	808	100	908	277	453	874	1.14	
702	Henderson.....	Margaret Foltz.....	.....	5,800	200	26	3,790	4.9	6	493	30	523	245	.....	833	1.09	
902	Hinckley.....	Mrs. Anna E. Burk.....	960	3,330	1,153	80	12,855	14.2	25	1,195	41	1,236	245	.....	1,243	1.38	
828	Ironton.....	Mrs. Marge Rausch.....	379	4,624	599	64	6,906	7.4	7	1,786	10	1,796	557	379	936	1.01	
612	Kimney.....	Gladya Sundt.....	600	4,875	599	09	5,315	6.4	8	1,066	20	1,026	250	682	941	1.14	
863	Lake Benton.....	Mrs. Marie F. Maki.....	933	8,103	336	75	7,208	11.8	19	1,976	649	2,623	552	1,354	2,181	3.55	
959	Le Roy.....	Mrs. Marie Entz.....	360	4,045	599	58	4,409	5.1	13	536	160	686	271	360	1,064	1.24	
729	Lincoln.....	Elizabeth Ann Price.....	390	4,410	475	52	3,052	3.1	10	1,290	62	1,352	268	390	1,191	1.24	
823	McIntosh.....	Mrs. M. D. Halermann.....	380	5,994	419	37	6,612	7.8	4	1,401	26	437	231	380	1,043	1.18	
881	McKinley.....	Delores Narveson.....	385	2,011	312	47	6,612	7.5	11	959	15	974	272	385	1,043	1.18	
196	Marble.....	Mrs. H. Senon.....	1,195	5,190	432	37	6,612	5.0	12	1,216	14	1,230	6.21	244	310	1,175	5.99
867	Maynard.....	Frances H. Harzell.....	No report received.	685	72	3,108	3.5	27	1,528	35	1,563	1.76	419	1,205	1,893	11	
507	Morgan.....	Mrs. A. E. Harzell.....	1,080	3,495	195	38	15,504	16.3	26	841	2,339	3,180	89	1,106	1,814	1.91	
520	Taylor Falls.....	Frances F. Mordock.....	300	5,447	195	38	3,520	6.7	9	574	39	613	1.10	163	300	559	1.07
693	Wabasso.....	Dorothy Starken.....	455	4,030	426	61	4,990	7.2	14	416	1,355	1,801	.60	114	455	1,702	2.46
837	Watertown.....	Lucille Schilling.....	240	1,945	64	8	3,570	4.2	10	400	50	450	.48	319	240	569	.68

¹See statistics on county and/or rural school service.²Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.³Includes immediate environs served.¹¹Not computed as county figures are included in total.¹²No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.¹³Endowment funds.

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COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE, 1956

COUNTY	Popu- lation Served	LIBRARY	LIBRARIAN	Book Stock	Registered County Borrowers	Circu- lation Per Capita	DISTRIBU- TING POINTS		Tax Levy in Mills	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES		
							Branches	Stations		County Income	Tax Income Per Capita	Books, Periodi- cals, Binding & Aud. Vis.	Salaries or Services	Total Expendi- tures Per Capita
Anoka	20,008 ¹	Anoka Public Library	Mrs. Kenneth D. Talbot	4	No report	4	0	0	5	400	.....	4	4	.....
Blue Earth	19,518	Columbia Hgts. Public Library	Lucille R. Hawkins	4	106,027 received	5.43	12	12	1.25	18,408	.94	4,089	12,351	18,372 .94
Clay	15,493	Blue Earth Co. Lib., Mankato	Mrs. Margaret Crowell	34,987	53,630	3.46	0	4	1.00	14,400	.93	3,714	6,542	14,559 .94
Dakota	24,648 ²	Moorehead Public Library	Mrs. Borghild Jacobson	14,870	4	.....	0	0	4	300	.....	4	4	.....
Grant	9,542 ³	Farmington Public Library	Mrs. Coral I. Homola	4	4,004	.16	0	0	4	1,500	.....	4	4	.....
Hennepin	144,682	South St. Paul Public Library	Mrs. Dorothy Jostad	4	478	.....	0	0	4	750	.....	4	750	.....
Isanti	12,123	Elbow Lake Library	Mrs. Lloyd Haroldson	140,406	23,652	5.49	23	54	2.00	213,854	1.48	70,653	109,507	222,649 1.58
Itasca	14,305	Hennepin Co. Lib., Mpls.	Helen A. Young	9,438	2,082	2.91	0	10	1.80	7,153	.59	1,318	5,101	7,304 .60
Kandiyohi	9,192 ³	Isanti Co. Lib., Cambridge	Burton L. Sundberg	4	2,192	2.09	4	7	2.00	11,022	.77	1,672	6,081	11,478 .80
Kandiyohi	19,234	Coleman Public Library	Mrs. J. C. Martin	8,524	1,123	1.78	0	17	1.48	12,706	.66	398	823	1,271 .14
Koochiching	10,641 ²	Kanabec Co. Lib., Mora	Mrs. Edw. Schultz	15,425	1,025	1.28	0	14	.75	2,081	.20	4	7,195	14,719 .77
Lake	12,036	Kandiyohi Co. Lib., Willmar	C. Diana Hebrink	27,176	2,108	2.42	0	14	2.00	2,081	.20	4	4	.....
Lyon	17,462	International Falls Pub. Lib.	Marie Knudson	31,901	1,203	4.56	0	12	1.01	1,996	.59	2,980	13,003	17,480 .97
Necker	14,358 ³	Two Harbors Pub. Lib.	Mrs. Alice W. Hamilton	4	4,111	4.85	0	12	1.71	29,031	1.66	6,903	15,372	26,820 1.54
Nobles	22,435	Marshall-Lyon Co. Lib.	Mrs. R. B. Stevens, Sr.	32,950	2,244	5.04	0	0	2.00	37,035	1.65	6,734	19,444	33,278 1.48
Olmsted	17,159 ²	Litchfield Public Library	Wayne R. Bassett	4	4,938	2.17	0	0	4	1,290	.20	4	4	.....
Pennington	36,089	Rochester Public Library	Mrs. Gertrude Johnson	58,570	2,301	2.20	1	4	2.16	60,637	1.68	10,499	25,525	48,219 1.34
Ramsey	45,732	Thief River Falls Pub. Lib.	Lucille Gottry	9,318	5,984	.....	0	30	4	6,780	.....	1,715	4,580	6,084
St. Louis	43,257	Duluth Public Library	Mrs. Ruth E. Palmer	21,222	2,237	.....	0	6	4	4,980	.....	1,100	3,737	4,918
Stearns	10,694	Hibbing Public Library	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis	4	2,124	.....	0	27	4	6,180	.....	2,400	3,000	5,180
Steele	14,957	Virginia Public Library	Mrs. Katherine Moore	36,906	3,201	.....	0	30	1.00	5,958	.....	617	4,200	5,968
Waseca	22,696	Stearns Co. Lib., St. Cloud	Nary C. Baker	11,106	4,263	1.19	0	0	.60	16,351	.38	903	12,366	21,925 .51
Washington	10,020	Watsona Public Library	Willa J. Stadler	477,361	570	2.44	2	5	4	3,070	.47	7,006	11,941	24,616 1.65
Walton	575,982	Waseca Co. Lib., Waseca	Willard J. Donohue	18,562	3,380	1.25	0	0	4	22,000	.22	689	2,957	5,244 .23
Totals	461,003 ⁴	Newport Public Library	Gertrude Glenon	477,361	570	2.36	1	8	1.00	8,757	.87	2,009	5,431	9,170 .92
		Watsonwan Co. Lib., St. James	Mrs. M. A. Erickson	477,361	570	.....	1	.....	.....	509,383	.....	129,589	.....	501,604

¹Has County Library Board.
²Does not meet A. L. A. Standards for Listing: \$5,000 or \$1.10 per capita whichever is larger.
³Bovey, Calumet, Keewatin, Marble, Nashauk and Taconite also receive county funds for over-the-counter service. The total county fund reported is \$11,022, a 2-mill levy.
⁴Public and county library statistics not kept separately.

⁵No tax levied. Receives appropriation from county treasury.
⁶Receives .96 mill from county. 2.42 mills from city of Marshall.
⁷Receives 2.00 mills from county. 3.00 mills from city of Waseca.
⁸Includes only counties meeting A. L. A. Standards for Listing.

ASSOCIATION LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1956

PLACE	Population	Book Stock	Circulation	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
				Village	Other	Total	Per Capita
Annandale.....	899	2,371	.....	200	218	504	.56
Askov.....	387	1,328	.....	60	13	68	.18
Bagley.....	1,554	769	1,081	500	5	497	.32
Buffalo Lake.....	724 ¹	848	410	.....	25	29	.04
Cannon Falls.....	1,831	3,465	5,209	.....	790	785	.43
Canton.....	459	972	863	99	8	194	.42
Cass Lake.....	1,936	2,410	1,270	.....	510	221	.11
Chaska.....	2,008	4,800	4,900	480	48	493	.20
Claremont.....	426 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Comfrey.....	642	321	578	.....	267	202	.31
Cook.....	482	1,367	3,479	420	203	600	1.24
Deerwood.....	572	4,000	.....	85	56	96	.17
Dodge Center.....	1,151 ¹	.....	1,028	.....	43	56	.05
Elbow Lake ².....	.....	9,713	5,778	240	519	517	.36
Franklin.....	546 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hancock.....	852	1,930	3,931	200	28	167	.19
Harmony.....	1,022	.....	.....	.....	207	365	.36
Hayfield.....	805 ¹	.....	329	.....	.....	27	.03
Hector.....	1,196 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hendricks.....	781	550	.....	.....	128	164	.21
Jasper.....	840 ¹	747	.....	.....	20	5	.....
Lanesboro.....	1,100	3,802	2,684	300	334	441	.40
Le Center.....	1,314	2,500	3,760	414	107	446	.34
Mabel.....	788	2,528	.....	150	63	173	.22
McGregor.....	322	.....	.....	46	53	82	.26
Mahnomen.....	1,464	5,000	5,200	600	.....	600	.41
Milaca.....	1,917 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nerstrand.....	228	4,382	4,286	100	292	369	1.62
New York Mills.....	977 ¹	.....	300	.....	18	34	.03
Pelican Rapids.....	1,676 ¹	1,650	235	.....	15	9	.01
Perham.....	1,926	4,900	5,910	300	.....	288	.15
Peterson.....	318	1,250	300	60	.....	80	.25
Rose Creek.....	314	1,344	1,122	100	.....	62	.19
Royalton.....	500 ¹	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rush City.....	1,175	2,085	1,110	200	18	204	.17
Shafer.....	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.41
Swanville.....	373	669	.....	180	40	220	.59
Waconia.....	1,569	1,938	3,452	240	60	351	.24
West Concord.....	770	.....	1,053	50	62	216	.28
Westbrook.....	1,017	2,226	2,600	200	58	263	.26
Wheaton.....	1,948	.....	.....	.....	200	200	.10
Williams.....	414 ¹	1,020	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winthrop.....	1,251 ¹	3,000	.....	100	20	102	.08
Grand Totals.....	40,601	73,885	61,719	5,324	4,454	9,212	.....
Population served.....	28,178	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹Because of low per capita expenditures (less than 10c) this figure is not included in Population Served.²See table on county library service.*How Good Are These Libraries?*

Minnesota's public libraries measure up like this:

10 libraries, serving just over one million people give fully adequate service or better. Some of these people have really superior service.

Adequately served: 36% of Minnesota's population.

9 libraries, serving about 300,000 people, are very nearly adequate, but are really on the borderline.

Almost adequately served: 10% of Minnesota's population.

50 libraries, serving 350,000 people, although their services fall below standards of adequacy, still give their patrons many good services and are certainly partially adequate.

Partially served: 12% of Minnesota's population.

45 libraries, serving 150,000 people, hover on the borderline of inadequacy, even in the few services they are able to offer.

Meagre services: 5% of Minnesota's population.

The other 56 libraries, serving 350,000 people are very weak and struggling to offer even a few books to their patrons. Many of them are open only a few hours each month.

Almost no service: 12% of Minnesota's population.

The other 760,000 people have no public library service at all.

No service at all: 25% of Minnesota's people.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1956

SUMMARY

POPULATION DIVISIONS	Number of Libraries	Population Served	BOOK COLLECTIONS		CIRCULATION		EXPENDITURES			
			Number of Volumes in Libraries	Volumes Per Capita	Number of Volumes Loaned	Circulation Per Capita	Books, Periodicals, Binding and Aud. Vis.	Per Capita Expenditures, Books, Periodicals, Binding	Total Operating Expenses	Expenditures Per Capita
Public Libraries:										
Serving over 50,000 population .	3	937,578	1,715,464	1.82	5,399,761	5.7	294,506	.31	2,624,001	2.80
Serving 10,000-50,000 population	16	270,740	600,438	2.21	1,580,669	5.8	97,047	.36	484,525	1.79
Serving 5,000-10,000 population	24	172,595	388,113	2.24	920,416	5.3	55,062	.32	285,001	1.65
Serving 2,500-5,000 population .	32	109,226	269,978	2.47	620,225	5.6	30,836	.31	115,615	1.06
Serving 1,000-2,500 population .	63	102,880	352,414	3.42	482,525	4.6	36,291	.35	141,815	1.38
Serving less than 1,000 population	25	19,284	93,818	4.86	129,100	6.6	7,915	.41	26,219	1.36
Giving county service	25	575,962	477,361	.....	1,807,424	.....	129,589	.....	501,604	.....
Association Libraries	43	28,178	73,885	.....	61,719	.....	.....	.....	9,212	.....
State Institution Libraries	20	2	82,645	.....	313,612	.....	94,111	.....	62,682	.....
On the basis of population served	.....	2,216,443	4,054,116	1.82	11,315,451	5.1	745,357	.34	4,250,674	1.92
On the basis of total population	.....	2,982,483	4,054,116	1.35	11,315,451	3.7	745,357	.25	4,250,674	1.43

Number of Libraries

Public libraries maintained by tax support or public funds	163
Libraries organized as separate county units	8 ¹
Public libraries maintained by Associations	43
State Institution libraries	20
Total	234

Population of Minnesota (87 counties) 2,982,483

With Public Library Service

Population served by public libraries	1,612,303
Population served through county service	575,962
Population served by Association libraries	28,178
Total population served (74%)	2,216,443

Without Public Library Service

Urban	19,985 ³
Rural	746,055
Total population not served (26%)	766,040

¹Eight organized as county libraries. In addition 17 public libraries give county service.

²Included previously in separate tables for towns and cities.

³Based on 1950 census. Population of urban areas has greatly increased.

CONTRACT SERVICE TO RURAL SCHOOLS

School Year 1955-56

COUNTY	CONTRACTING AGENCY	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Book Stock	INCOME			EXPENDITURES		
					School		Other	Books	Supplies	Other
					Books	Supplies				
Becker	Detroit Lakes Pub. Lib.	57	1,043	19,414	\$2,239.00	\$120.00	\$482.81	\$2,070.74	\$129.61	\$727.75
Beltrami	Bemidji Public Library	15	563	4,228	400.00	125.00	830.00	335.89	113.35	826.59
Big Stone	Office of County Supt.	15	234	4,518	517.00	10.35	123.00	506.14	10.30	226.96
Blue Earth	Blue Earth County Lib.	23 ¹	632	9,021	1,087.00	62.00		929.50	62.00	157.50
Clay	Clay County Library	16	356	8,477	704.00	38.00		635.20	6.90	99.90
Freeborn	Albert Lea Public Lib.	45	759	8,968	1,518.00	90.00	152.99	1,408.03	4.69	167.91
Goodhue	Red Wing Public Library	2	26	1,780	39.00	10.00		39.17	10.00	
Hubbard	Office of County Supt.	15	314	6,456	376.00			239.93	5.46	83.17
Kandiyohi	Kandiyohi County Lib.	54	1,044	4,618	2,088.00	116.00		2,088.00	64.00	
Lac qui Parle	Madison Public Library	16	169		154.00	30.00		154.00	30.00	
Lake of the Woods	Office of County Supt.	7	95	2,280	275.08			275.08	8.35	488.39
Lyon	Marshall-Lyon Co. Lib.	8	141	1,912	304.00	8.35	488.39	304.06		
Martin	Martin County Library	29	403	5,454	613.00			613.00	290.00	
Mower	Austin Public Library	45 ²	706	6,257	1,236.00		176.00	1,236.00		176.00
Nobles	Nobles County Library	14	604	3,828	1,092.00		116.00	950.76		
Pennington	Thief River Falls Pub. Lib.	22	528	4,790	365.00			287.73		
Polk	Office of County Supt.	31	617	5,314	1,201.00			625.02	25.17	463.32
Ramsey	Ramsey County Library	25	5,463		8,194.95	388.00		9,085.16	388.00	
Red Lake	Office of County Supt.	138	3,362		232.00			347.12	37.25	
Redwood	Redwood Falls Pub. Lib.	23	565	5,100	1,130.00	160.00	300.00	662.52	49.02	702.19
Roseau	Office of County Supt.	11	919	9,495	1,403.50			844.68	54.15	404.90
Sherburne	St. Cloud Public Library	11 ³	197	991	402.50	22.00		400.27	22.00	3.56
Stearns	Stearns County Library	117	2,842	18,225	5,726.00		586.00	5,726.00		730.47
Steele	Owatonna Public Lib.	52	850	3,820	1,700.00	104.00		779.37	78.00	601.39
Waseca	Waseca County Library	26	358	611	588.50	52.00	180.00	588.50	52.00	150.00
Washington	Washington Co. Lib.	4		8,139	350.00	40.00		330.00	40.00	
Watsonwan	Watsonwan Co. Lib.	40	715	3,978	731.00	74.00	204.00	614.72	74.00	197.30

¹Includes 3 schools in Nicollet County.²Includes 12 schools in Freeborn County.³Includes 5 schools in Benton County.

Award Winners

The announcement of the Newbery-Caldecott Awards for 1956 was made Monday afternoon, March 4, by Mrs. Charlemae Rollins, Chairman of the Newbery-Caldecott Committee, from the New York Office of Frederic G. Melcher, donor of the medals. The formal presentation of the medals will be made at the Newbery-Caldecott Banquet on June 25, at the Arena in the Kansas City (Mo.) Auditorium during the American Library Association Conference.

Mrs. Virginia Sorensen, author of *Miracles on Maple Hill* receives the Newbery Award for the most distinguished writing in a book for children by an American author in 1956. The book was published by Harcourt, Brace.

Runners-up: Gipson, F. B.—*Old Yeller* Harper
 DeJong, M.—*House of Sixty Fathers* Harper
 Judson, M. I.—*Mr. Justice Holmes* Follett
 Rhoads, D.—*The Corn Grows Ripe* Viking
 DeAngeli, M.—*Black Fox of Lorne* Doubleday

The Caldecott Award, for the most distinguished illustrations in a picture book for children, goes to Marc Simont, illustrator of *A Tree Is Nice* by Janice Udry, published by Harper.

Runners-up: Ets, M. H.—*Mr. Penny's Racehorse* Viking
 Tudor, T.—*I is One* Oxford
 DuBois, W. P.—*Lion* Viking
 Daugherty, J.—*Gillespie and the Guards* (by Elkins) Viking

County Libraries, 1956

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Of Minnesota's eighty-seven counties, twenty-five report some county service in 1956. Of these, eight are organized as units, each having a county library board of trustees consisting of five members. The others operate under the board of a city public library.

The county library service in the counties giving area-wide service may be divided into two categories financially. Seventeen have an income of \$5,000 or more. Nine have less. The latter cannot be considered as giving more than token service in 1956.

Still another division could be made according to a long-existing standard. Does the county have a means of extending service to every resident by bookmobile or other mobile unit? Does it have books and other materials deposited out near the people? In 1956 seventeen counties reported branches or stations. None of the other eight listed a mobile service or service outlets. In these the patron was able to obtain service only at the headquarters.

A committee of the Minnesota Library Association, with the cooperation of the State Library Division, set up tentative library standards during 1953-4. While never officially adopted by the organization, the minimums for Larger Unit Libraries, though set very low, spurred librarians and trustees to examine their services.

In 1956 the American Library Association published *Public Library Service, a Guide to Evaluation, with Minimum Standards*; and a supplement, *Cost of Public Library Service in 1956*.

Following is an evaluation of Minnesota County Library Reports for 1956, on the basis of these two standards.

Organization

M.L.A. Tentative Standards: County-wide, Multi-county, or Department of city library with department head.

A.L.A.: A coordinated system, serving an entire natural region, having a central library, local community libraries or bookmobile stops.

Minnesota, 1956. (17 counties)

Coordinated county library service, including county contract services operating separately — 9.

Service over the entire county through two or more library systems — 8.

(14 of these 17 libraries have a way of getting books out near patrons. Of these 8 have bookmobiles.)

(6 of these 17 libraries may be designated as coordinated library systems in the sense of A.L.A. standards.)

Personnel

M.L.A.: Minimum of two professional staff members; sufficient clerical staff; branch, station, bookmobile staff.

A.L.A.: "Sufficient to provide consistently efficient service at all hours when the central agency and community outlets are open to the public, and to perform the duties involved in assembling, organizing, and interpreting materials."

Minnesota, 1956 (17 counties)

County libraries with professional personnel — 8.

Has Professional head and a number of additional professional people — 1.

Have Professional head and one other professional staff member — 2.

Have Professional head as only professional person — 4.

Has a Professional person in subordinate position on staff only — 1.

Collection

M.L.A.: "A basic collection of 1½ books per capita, with a minimum of 25,000 books available by direct access to all residents of the area. A collection of other materials . . . audio visual aids shall be provided and maintained."

A.L.A.: A minimum of 100,000 books, 250 films and 1500 recordings in the system. (Two-tenths book per capita added per year.)

Minnesota, 1956. (17 counties)

Books per capita in county collection.

1.5 to 2.25 per capita — 7 counties.

.75 to 1.49 books per capita — 2 counties.

Less than .5 book per capita — 2 counties.

(4 of these 11 counties also had limited access to city collections.)

Access to general city collections only — 6 counties.

Size of collection.

25,000 to 146,406 volumes in county collection — 7 counties.

15,000 to 24,499 volumes in county collection — 2 counties.

9,000 to 15,000 volumes in county collection — 2 counties.

Limited access to general city collections only ranging upward from 15,000 volumes — 6 counties.

Audio visual materials.

County libraries owning films — None.

County libraries owning filmstrips — 7.

County libraries owning records — 7.

County libraries spending some funds for audio visual materials in 1956 — 9.

Budget

M.L.A.: "Budget requirements for expenditures shall meet those of A.L.A." (Proceeds of a two-mill levy are permitted by Minnesota law.)

A.L.A.: ". . . in 1956, in a more-or-less typical city or county of 100,000 people, approximately

\$3.00 per capita is needed to achieve minimum standards. Smaller places will need a substantially higher rate; . . . Any community which

is not satisfied with minimum facilities will have to provide substantially more than \$3.00 per capita."

Minnesota, 1956. (17 counties)

Population served by county library		Tax income per capita	Expenditures per capita
More than 100,000	1 county	\$1.48	\$1.58
25,000 to 49,999	3 counties	\$.38 to 1.68	\$.51 to 1.34
20,000 to 24,999	3 counties	.22 to 1.65	.23 to 1.48
15,000 to 19,999	4 counties	.29 to 1.66	.77 to 1.54
Less than 15,000	6 counties	.46 to 1.47	.60 to 1.65
Mill rate of levy			
2.00 mills	5 counties		
1.5 to 1.99 mills	2 counties		
1.00 to 1.49 mills	3 counties		
.5 to .99 mills	4 counties		
Less than .5 of a mill	3 counties		

Hours of service

M.L.A.: "The headquarters library shall remain open a minimum of 57 hours a week; more when service demands."

A.L.A.: "The central or headquarters library should normally be open daily for the full range of services during morning, afternoon, and evening hours, . . ."

Minnesota, 1956 (17 counties)

Headquarters open 70 hours weekly	1 county
Headquarters open 65 to 69 hours weekly	4 counties
Headquarters open 60 to 64 hours weekly	2 counties
Headquarters open 55 to 59 hours weekly	2 counties
Headquarters open 50 to 54 hours weekly	1 county
Headquarters open 45 to 49 hours weekly	5 counties
Headquarters open 40 to 44 hours weekly	1 county
Headquarters open 21 hours weekly	1 county

CONCLUSIONS

A few Minnesota county libraries meet or very nearly meet some parts of the standards. Apparently no county library meets all of the goals. Most of the county libraries in Minnesota, even among the 17 graded as county libraries, only approach the standards on one score at best.

This means that Minnesota librarians, trustees, and friends have a big job ahead in organizing rural library service where none exists in 1956. Examination of the reports

shows that there is still tremendous work to be done to bring existing service up to a reasonable level of adequacy.

This is, of course, additional evidence in favor of the multi-county library idea. However, it must always be remembered that even the best type of organization and adequate financial support do not guarantee good service; and that the imagination, hard work and creative ability of librarians in many of the 25 counties succeed in giving better service than statistics indicate.

University of Chicago Graduate Library School

The Twenty-Second Annual Conference of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School will be held from June 19-21, 1957, and will deal with the subject, "New Directions in Public Library Developments." Outstanding authorities in the field of public administration, public finance, urban development and related fields will join distinguished speakers in the field of librarianship to discuss emerging problems in public librarianship.

It is especially appropriate that the Conference be devoted to problems facing the public library at this particular time. Special attention will be paid to implications of the new standards for public library service and the new Library Services Act. Problems which will arise in meeting the standards and implementing the act will be seen against changes in the society which affect a public library in all of its aspects. Papers will be presented on changing community patterns and other sociological factors involved in library planning, on the plans which are being submitted for support under the new Library Services Act, on problems of support for the changing library, implications for library personnel, and the effect of the changing society on the collection, on services, and on public library programming.

A leaflet describing the detailed program of the Conference will be available soon upon request. For further information address the Dean of the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois.

Book Fairs

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"Can't we keep these books?" "Do we have to send them on right away?" "I'm in the middle of my fourth book and I'd sure like to finish it!" These are some of the enthusiastic comments of boys and girls in the schools where a book fair has been held this year and they provide proof for many of us, if proof we need, that today's young people do like to read.

The school library supervisor in the State Department of Education, with the cooperation and assistance of the Minnesota Association of School Librarians, is responsible for this experiment which is bringing book fairs to twelve Minnesota schools this year. The first fair was held January 13 to 19 at Hutchinson, and went from there to Winthrop, Sleepy Eye, and Olivia. Other schools making plans for it are Litchfield, Cokato, Monticello, Elk River, Princeton, Pine City, Forest Lake, and North St. Paul.

The 550 books displayed at the fairs are furnished by *Books on Exhibit*. All of them are covered with plastic jackets. Most of the titles were published in 1956 for children and young people and represent the selections of twenty-five publishing firms. A printed catalog, in which the books are arranged by grade groups, includes bibliographic information and an annotation for each title. As insurance against the idea that all of these books are recommended by the Minnesota Association of School Librarians and the Library Division of the State Department of Education, a checked copy of the catalog has been sent to each school holding a fair.

The success of the fair depends in large measure on the school librarian and the local committee selected to help her. In some schools the fair has been little more than an attractive display of new books, while in others it has been a center of school and community activities. Although various

efforts and suggestions have been made by the Minnesota Association of School Librarians and the supervisor, each school is free to make its own plans. Several schools have made use of the speakers furnished by M.A.S.L. Ingrid Miller, Head Librarian, Ray Bechtle, English instruction, and Donna Peterson, Junior High School Librarian, all of Edina, and Naomi Hokanson, Head Librarian, Alexander Ramsey High School, Roseville, have participated in several fairs speaking either to the high school pupils in the afternoon, or to teachers and parents at evening meetings.

All schools have arranged a schedule that insured each pupil at least one opportunity to come to the fair. Frequently the cooperation of the speech teacher has been secured and high school students have told or read stories to each group of primary pupils coming to the fair.

Several attractive and appropriate posters were made by art students at the Alexander Ramsey High School to accompany the book collection.

Worthy of special mention is the evening meeting at Winthrop when one hundred and thirty people from the community and from several schools in the surrounding area, gathered to look at the books and to hear a talk by Mr. Bechtle.

Are the fairs successful? The answer depends in part on one's measure of success. Not all fairs have been promoted with equal skill and enthusiasm, and the attendance at the evening meetings has not always been all that was desired. Nevertheless, whether the fair was meaningful or not to adults, parents and teachers, the response of the children and young people has been great enough to fully repay the efforts of all the people involved. Once more it is evident that children who have easy access to books will read.

Operation Library

"Operation Library" is a new class one civic service program which has been adopted by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. The success of local Jaycee programs along this line, beginning at West Memphis, Arkansas, in 1955, was the stimulus behind the adoption of the program as a national one.

Minnesota librarians should be especially interested in working with their local Jaycees on this program, since our state has some of the large and active chapters in the nation. There is a great benefit to libraries to be obtained by working with this young and enthusiastic group of community leaders.

One of the things that librarians must bear in mind is that this is a local program in its best sense. Local Jaycee chapters decide which of the national programs they will stress locally. Therefore, librarians cannot assume that their local chapters will be active just because it is a nationally endorsed program. Librarians have a responsibility in the program, too.

Early this year, each local Junior Chamber of Commerce chapter received copies of a brochure on "Operation Library." This brochure explains the program and suggests ways in which local chapters can participate, one section discussing a program if the community has no library, another telling how the local chapter can participate if the community does have a library. Since then, a number of Jaycee chapters have appointed a local "Operation Library" chairman. Some of these have already gotten in touch with their local librarians and together they are exploring the possibilities of what the program can mean to them.

This is a golden opportunity for librarians to get active help in improving their library services. And librarians must show as much initiative as their Jaycees if the program is to be applied and be successful.

Things to Do

The first, and all important step, the librarian should take is to get in touch with the local Junior Chamber of Com-

merce. Some have already done so, but those who have not can call the President of the local chapter and inquire about local interest. If they already have a chairman for "Operation Library" you are ready to begin work.

Local librarians can show real imagination in working with the local chapter on deciding what needs to be done that the Jaycees can help do. In some communities this might well begin with a self-evaluation by the library with the Jaycees helping. From such a study, many suggestions will arise as to how the library can be improved.

The brochure mentioned above contains a long list of suggestions, but local groups need not stop there. In areas where interest is growing in developing a well-rounded and adequate system of library service which serves rural as well as city and village people, the Jaycees could be of tremendous help in working up interest, in arranging for and holding community meetings to work out plans, and can generally help stimulate interest and activity toward library growth. Our Minnesota program for library development will require the participation of a great many local individuals and organizations if it is to get started and keep going. The local Jaycees could occupy an important place in this participation.

The main thing to do is get started. By selecting several short-term, readily accomplished projects in which the Jaycees can participate, the librarian can suggest them to the local chapter. These should be worthwhile contributions to library service, and accomplishing them would not only benefit the library but would reinforce the enthusiasm of the group which accomplished them. Really big projects might be tackled first in some places.

But whatever the program, and wherever the Jaycees take on this program, the librarian has a major responsibility to the local Jaycees and to the library to take real initiative in both getting interest aroused and in suggesting the kinds of improvements which will be undertaken.

S A L M A G U N D I

Progress Report

The Minnesota Plan for the Further Extension of Public Library Service to Rural Areas, which is required under the Library Services Act for the state to participate in the federal aid program, has been approved by the Office of Education in Washington. We can be proud that ours was one of the first few Plans approved, and that we share with Michigan the distinction of being one of the first two states to qualify fully for the grant funds. The check for \$40,000, representing the total grant for this fiscal year, has been received.

Our first steps, as described in the last issue of *Minnesota Libraries*, have been to institute the purchase of two bookmobiles and begin recruiting the additional personnel. At the same time we are going forward with the process of ordering the large book collection contemplated in the initial part of the plan.

Since the first of the year, representatives of the Library Division have held eight meetings to explain and discuss the Plan and what it can mean in various areas of the state. The first seven of these were announced in the last issue. These were attended by over 400 people and local groups are beginning to work up additional meetings to consider developments in specific counties. The first of these meetings was held at Worthington, March 11, with over 75 people present representing Nobles, Jackson, Cottonwood, Murray and Rock Counties. Two more meetings have been planned for the northwestern areas in late March.

This is where local initiative is important. These meetings are being planned by people in the various areas where interest is greatest right now. Wherever interest develops, the Library Division will be glad to send representatives who can explain the plan and its possibilities in the area.

Here is how one of these meetings can be arranged. A small group of interested people in one community gets in touch with similar people in neighboring communities and counties. Finding the interest, they have written the Library Division suggesting the place and a number of possible satisfactory dates. The Library Division then gives

them the date or dates when a representative can come out and the time and day are set. Then the local group extends the invitations, including people whom the Library Division knows from earlier expressions of interest. The invitation list includes librarians and trustees from all the libraries in the area, local officials with special emphasis on county commissioners, representatives of interested clubs and other organizations, county and local school superintendents and librarians, and any other people known to be interested in good library service.

At one of these meetings, the group can go into a great many details as they apply to their own area which cannot be discussed in general terms. They are valuable steps toward future development, and the more we can have the better.

Adult Education Resource

A new resource of especial interest to librarians interested in developing adult education programs of all kinds is now available at Headquarters of the American Library Association.

The Resources Committee of the Adult Education Section of the ALA Public Libraries Division has just completed a year-long task—finding and bringing together in a file the names of more than 450 librarians and non-librarians who have had important experience in adult education as consultants, researchers, speakers, panel members, discussion leaders or resource people. The committee chairman is Robert S. Ake, Public Library Consultant, Connecticut State Department of Education.

The new Adult Education Resource File classifies these persons by their specialties: (1) Community study (delineation of trade areas, development of questionnaires, analysis of population, etc.); (2) Leadership training for community service, group techniques, and discussion methods using films, recordings, printed materials, etc.; (3) Program planning and services for special groups (the aging, labor, family, etc.); (4) Evaluation of programs and services (establishment of goals, collection of data, tabulation, analysis, etc.); (5) Other adult education services (film production and use, public relations, etc.).

The ALA Library-Community Project is now enabled to give prompt reply to requests for help in locating resource people—in all parts of the country—from non-library groups as well as from public, school, college, and special libraries to serve as consultants for workshops, institutes and other types of library meetings. Inquiries should be directed to Miss Ruth Warncke, Director, ALA Library-Community Project, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Conference on Reading

The Third Annual Conference on Reading at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota has been scheduled for June 24-28, 1957.

The theme of the 1957 Institute is "Prevention and Correction of Reading Difficulties." In charge of the program are Dr. Emmett A. Betts, Director, and Miss Carolyn M. Welch, Supervisor of In-Service Teacher Education, both of The Betts Reading Clinic, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

The program will consist of demonstrations with individual children and classroom groups, lectures, discussion sessions, and of an Informal Reading Inventory Laboratory designed to give delegates practical experience in estimating the reading needs of subjects from the elementary through high school grades.

Requests for further information or application blanks may be obtained by writing to Dr. Walther G. Prausnitz, Head, English Department, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Western Reserve Institute

Western Reserve University will sponsor a three day "Symposium on Systems for Information Retrieval," April 15-17, 1957 at Masonic Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio.

The symposium for the first time will include demonstrations of working equipment as well as systems presentations. Closed circuit television between the exhibit areas and the auditorium will be used to coordinate the demonstrations of equipment with the systems presentations. The equipment is being furnished by Commercial Controls Corporation, Dage Television Division, Thompson Products, Inc., International Business Machines Corp., The Ohio Bell Telephone Co., and Remington Rand Corp. Western Reserve University's searching selector, now completed, will also be used in the program.

Western Reserve's School of Library Science and its Center for Documentation and Communication Research will be hosts at the conference. Dr. Jesse H. Shera is dean of the library school, Director and Associate Director respectively of the center are James W. Perry and Allen Kent. Banquet speakers will be Robert C. Watson, United States Commissioner of Patents and Verner W. Clapp, president of the Council on Library Resources.

One of the highlights of the program will be "The Intercontinental Guided Missives Demonstration." This will be a practical demonstration of the use of world-wide telecommunications in the process of information retrieval. James D. Mack, librarian of Lehigh University will conduct the demonstration with the cooperation of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. and the Radio Corp. of America.

Nearly forty experts will be on the three day program.

Complete information on the conference is available from the Dean, School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Minnesota Library Institute

The Library School, University of Minnesota, will hold an institute on Public Library Finance and Budgets, April 5-6, 1957. It will be held at the Library School on the Minneapolis campus; registration beginning at 9:30 on Friday, April 5. With the excellence of last year's institute and the announced program outline as indications, we can be sure that this one will also be extremely valuable. Frederick Wezeman will direct the Institute assisted by Harris Stevens, Finance Director, of Oak Park, Illinois.

This announcement may reach people too late for planning to attend, but we hope to carry a report on the Institute in an early issue.

Mental Health Week

April 28 to May 4 has been designated Mental Health Week in Minnesota and throughout the nation. It is sponsored by the Minnesota Association for Mental Health, a division of the National Association for Mental Health. Libraries are urged to participate in this observation.

Interest in this important subject is increasing, and libraries should be prepared

to provide adequate information on the subject. The Minnesota group has provided a list of books "Good Reading for Mental Health" which can be featured during the week. The list, which follows, has been endorsed by prominent men in medicine, education and the clergy:

Good Reading for Mental Health

Beers, C. W. *A mind that found itself*. Doubleday, 1948.

Bruch, Hilda. *Don't be afraid of your child*. Farrar, Straus, 1952.

Gallagher, J. R. *Understanding your son's adolescence*. Little, 1951.

Hayakawa, S. I. *Language in action*. Harcourt, 1949.

Levy, J. and Monroe, R. *The happy family*. Knopf, 1938.

Liebman, J. L. *Peace of mind*. Simon & Schuster, 1946.

Preston, George. *Psychiatry for the curious*. Rinehart, 1940.

Preston, George. *Substance of mental health*. Rinehart, 1946.

Redlich, F. & Bingham, J. *Inside story: psychiatry and everydaylife*. Knopf, 1953.

Strecker, E. A. and Appel, K. *Discovering ourselves*. Macmillan, 1944.

Further information may be obtained by writing Mrs. John B. Ross, Chairman, Mental Health Week, Minnesota Association for Mental Health, Inc., 309 East Franklin Ave., Minneapolis 4.

A Trustee Speaks

Mrs. Marie Uhlig of Ceylon was recently appointed to the Board of the Martin County Library. She and her husband publish *The Ceylon Herald*. Mrs. Uhlig wrote the following interesting comment in her regular column on January 31:

"We attended our first meeting of the Martin County library board in official capacity Wednesday afternoon, an entirely different experience which we now know will help us in many ways. The pleasure of serving on a public board is immeasurable and we think the work, however much or little, will be good mental treatment. Actually the task is not hard, not very time-consuming, nor a mental strain, but more of

a small outside interest that will serve as a diversion from the bogging-down pressures of our front and back shop.

"The board members paid tribute to our predecessor, Ed Vollrath, who had made the trip to Fairmont at least once a month for over two years to help manage the affairs of the county library, and who resigned because his new business ventures simply did not afford the time. These tributes are important, both to give and receive, as they are the only compensation a board member receives for his time and travel. Affairs of the county library may not seem important to many, but quietly and diligently these men have met each month for 14 years to arrange administration and approval of expenses of several thousand dollars every 30 days. The library serves about 17,000 people in the county, is one of only eight county libraries in the state, and maintains one of the best book supplies we have ever seen for a library of its size. Our new connection with the library has deepened our interest and we have gained a new respect for the persons who serve it."

Adeline T. Davidson Memorial

The memory of Adeline T. Davidson, who was librarian of the Duluth Public Library, 1923-26, and of the East Orange, New Jersey Public Library from 1926 to 1950, will be perpetuated by a fund to be known as the "Adeline T. Davidson Memorial." This fund has been undertaken by the Trustees, the Staff Association, and the Friends of the East Orange Public Library. It will be used to purchase books of permanent value for the library.

Contributions to this fund may be sent to Miss Elizabeth Boston, Treasurer, East Orange Public Library, East Orange, New Jersey.

Minneapolis Dinner

Memories of the early days when the Minneapolis Public Library had a courtyard with a maple tree, and noon hour was the time for baseball games were recalled at a retirement dinner for Oscar Berg and Ernest Johnson, January 26 at the Minneapolis Athletic Club.

The dinner, given by members of the professional librarians union, Local 211, AFSC & ME, honored the retiring members joint 100 years of service to the Library.

Berg, retiring head of the bindery, has served 49 of the years, and librarian of Franklin Branch, Johnson, will have served 51 years upon his retirement in July.

Former staff member, Augusta Starr, who served 25 years as librarian of Hosmer Branch, entertained the group with her recollection of Berg and Johnson as pages, and how a certain young lady could "outrun them all at noonday baseball games." The certain young lady later became Mrs. Berg.

Glenn M. Lewis, chief librarian, recalled when he too was "one of the boys," and how, though widely separated, all three had served simultaneously in World War I. He commended both men on their many years of devotion and cooperation with the Library.

Leonard Pignatello, past president of the union, introduced Mayor Eric Hoyer, who presented Berg and Johnson with citations for "50 years of service to the city of Minneapolis."

Members of the Library Board were special guests at the dinner.

People and Places

Friends will be sorry to hear of the death of Miss Grace Dorival last month at her home in Caledonia. Miss Dorival for many years was librarian of the South St. Paul Public Library, resigning in 1946.

For the past year Miss Dorival had served as librarian at Caledonia. Mrs. Julia Schroeder has assumed that position.

Mrs. Arthur Christensen is the new librarian at Windom, succeeding Mrs. Helen Remick.

Other new appointments in the public libraries of Minnesota include Mrs. George Arnoldi at Lamberton and Mary Wesloski at Browerville.

The Village of Lake Benton has recently purchased a building in the center of the business district. Eventually the Lake Benton Public Library will be housed on the first floor of the building.

Stewartville and Kenyon Public Library patrons are enjoying redecorated and improved library quarters.

The South St. Paul Public Library is the recipient of a bequest of \$1,000, willed the library by the late David Blumenfeld, a pioneer merchant of the city.

More than 400 people attended the open house celebrating the twentieth anniversary

of the opening of the New Ulm Public Library and Museum, Friday, February 15. New exhibits shown on this occasion included prints and lithographs added to the permanent collection of Wanda Gag memorabilia.

Charging machines have been installed in the Owatonna and North St. Paul Public Libraries recently.

Greer Memorial

A professional reading room in the Minneapolis Board of Education Library will be furnished in memory of Miss Margaret R. Greer, who died on November 28, 1956.

At the time of her resignation as consultant in library service and textbook selection in 1953, Miss Greer had completed 40 years of service to the library and textbook programs of the Minneapolis Public Schools.

Friend of Miss Greer who would like to share in this memorial may send their contributions to Jane Strebel, Board of Education Library, 807 N. E. Broadway, Minneapolis. Checks should be made to the Margaret Greer Library Memorial Fund.

Booklet on Librarianship

The New York Life Insurance Company has prepared an advertisement on librarianship entitled "Should Your Child Be a Librarian?" This ad appears in *Life* for March 18, in the *Saturday Evening Post* for March 23, and in the April issue of the *Ladies' Home Journal*. It was written by Edward G. Freehafer, Director of the New York Public Library, with Llewellyn Miller, and presents librarianship factually and attractively.

In addition to the enormous circulation of these national magazines, the advertisement will be reprinted in booklet form under the title "Should You Be a Librarian?" and become part of the New York Life's series of career pamphlets. The Company will distribute the booklet widely to librarians with a letter from Mr. Clift, urging librarians to accept New York Life's offer to furnish copies in reasonable quantity lots.

Should you wish to express appreciation for this generous contribution to librarianship, write to Francis L. Cooper, Advertising Manager, Public Relations Department, New York Life Insurance Company, 51 Madison Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Mr. Cooper will see that the letters are referred to the Company's top executives.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

Adult Books of 1956

Compiled by A. Rosemary Bowers and other members of the Staff of the Library Division
A selection of books for the small public library. Low budget libraries are urged to borrow expensive books from the State Library Division for examination before purchase. Librarians should check issues of the Booklist (American Library Association, subscription \$6.00 per year) when selecting books for purchase.

Non-Fiction¹

- Anderson, Marian. *My Lord, what a morning; an autobiography*. Viking. 5.00. A simple and sincere account of the development and success of the famous singer.
- Beatty, Morgan. *Your nation's capital*. Farrar. 3.50. An up-to-date guide to Washington, D.C., based on the Writers' Program *Washington, city and capital*, published in 1937.
- Benton, Frances. *Etiquette; the complete modern guide for day-to-day living the correct way*. Random. 1.00. An amazingly comprehensive and detailed manual, poorly printed and bound but worth the modest price.
- Borland, Hal. *High, wide and lonesome*. Lippincott. 3.75. An account of the life of a pioneering family in Colorado beginning in 1910, that shows the adaptation of a growing boy to his environment, much as did the earlier Hamlin Garland classic.
- Bowles, Cynthia. *At home in India*. Harcourt. 3.00. Report on the life of a young American girl in India, describing her observations, experiences, and friendships.
- Brooks, Van Wyck. *Helen Keller; sketch for a portrait*. Dutton. 3.00. Not an attempt at a complete biography, this "sketch" is an admirable tribute to a remarkable woman by an old friend.
- Brown, John Mason. *Through these men; some aspects of our passing history*. Harper. 4.00. Fairminded comments on the American political scene since the 1952 conventions, with "profiles" of the most important figures.
- Burnett, Whit, ed. *The spirit of adventure; the challenge and the fascination of the strange, the impossible, and the dangerous, as told by 38 famous writer-adventurers*. Holt. 5.00.
- Catton, Bruce. *This hallowed ground; the story of the Union side of the Civil War*. Doubleday. 5.95. Mr. Catton continues to produce highly readable yet authoritative Civil War histories. This, his latest, deals with the military and political activities of the Union during the struggle.
- Chute, Marchette. *Stories from Shakespeare*. World. 3.75. Synopses of thirty-six plays. "Admirable, blending an unobtrusive eloquence of her own and a sensitivity of interpretation." *N. Y. Times*
- Craven, Thomas. *The rainbow book of art*. World. 4.95. A concise, introductory history, attractively and profusely illustrated.
- Cutolo, Salvatore. *Bellevue is my home*. Doubleday. 4.00. In this story of Bellevue Hospital, founded forty years before the American Revolution, the author gives an absorbing picture of American medical and social development.
- Dalzell, J. R. *Remodeling guide for home interiors; planning, materials, methods*. McGraw-Hill. 4.95. Gives directions for simple repairs as well as suggestions for remodeling of various areas of the house, generously illustrated with diagrams and plans. Includes considerable information on materials, their qualities and uses.
- Danville, Bea. *Dress well on \$1 a day*. Funk. 3.65. Practical pointers on personal appearance. Gives advice on planning a wardrobe and adding to it, choosing becoming styles and colors, and caring for clothes.
- De Voto, Bernard. *Women and children first; by Cady Hewes, pseud.* Houghton. 3.00. Thirteen chuckle-producing essays, originally printed in *Woman's day*, devoted chiefly to the author's hopeless efforts to follow the maze of his wife's feminine logic.
- Dooley, Thomas. *Deliver us from evil; the story of Viet Nam's flight to freedom*.

¹Check also the list, "Notable Books of 1956," the *Booklist*, February 1, 1957, p. 267.

- Courage, human kindness, and resourcefulness were needed by this young Navy doctor and his assistants working with the Viet Nameese refugees after the fall of Dien Bien Phu.
- Ellis, H. B. *Heritage of the desert; the Arabs and the Middle East*. Ronald. 5.00. This timely, sober account of the overall problems centered in the Near East is given by a member of the *Christian Science Monitor's* staff of foreign correspondents, and is illustrated by excellent photographs.
- Ewen, David. *A journey to greatness; the life of George Gershwin*. Holt. 5.00. A well-known writer on musical subjects gives us an affectionate biography of the popular composer.
- Gesell, Arnold. *Youth: the years from ten to sixteen*. Harper. 5.95. A study of behavior development during adolescence, based on observation of a group of normal children of this age. Valuable for parent and professional alike.
- Good housekeeping. *Guide to successful homemaking*. Harper. 5.95. A practical, detailed manual, offering sensible advice and help on the vast range of subjects included in homemaking.
- Home craftsman. *Wood finishing and painting, step by step; over 500 complete, up-to-date, practical schedules for furniture and woodwork, walls, floors and all types of interior and exterior surfaces, including masonry and metal. Also boat and auto finishes*. Home craftsman. 3.95.
- Jones, C. M. *Diesel operator's guide*. McGraw-Hill. 6.50. A manual that briefly describes the principles of diesel engines, and gives detailed, illustrated information on operation, trouble-shooting, and repair.
- Kane, Harnett. *Miracle in the mountains*. Doubleday. 3.95. Biography of Martha Berry, who founded the Berry Schools to bring education to the people of the Southern mountains.
- Kennedy, John. *Profiles in courage*. Harper. 3.50. Studies in integrity—of men in political life who have risked their careers by acting against popular opinion in cases where their principles required it.
- Laklan, Carli. *Gifts from your kitchen, a collection of 300 recipes with 300 wrappings*. Barrows. 3.95. Tempting recipes for foods especially suitable for gifts, and gay, original suggestions for wrappings that can be adapted to many uses.
- Laune, Seigniora. *Sand in my eyes*. Lippincott. 3.50. Eighty-year-old Mrs. Laune's vivacious account of her early married life in a frontier town in Oklahoma also gives a picture of the town's growth and development.
- Lewis, Grace Hegger. *With love from Gracie: Sinclair Lewis, 1912-1925*. Harcourt. 5.75. Sinclair Lewis' first wife tells of the years of their marriage, which were also the years of Lewis' greatest literary success.
- Luxton, George. *Flower growing in the north; a month-by-month guide*. Univ. of Minn. 3.95. A guide for Minnesota gardeners, by the garden editor of the *Minneapolis star and tribune*.
- Merrill, Margaret. *Bears in my kitchen*. McGraw-Hill. 3.95. A forest ranger's wife describes her exciting life in the national parks.
- Milne, Lorus, and Milne, Margery. *The world of night*. Harper. 3.50. Nature study after dark. A husband and wife explore the lives and doings of the creatures who are active at night.
- Olson, Sigurd. *Singing wilderness*. Knopf. 4.00. Illustrated by Lee Jaques. Two well-known woodsmen combine their talents to produce a series of essays and striking illustrations concerning the wilderness northwest of Lake Superior.
- Ormsbee, Thomas. *Know your heirlooms*. McBride. 7.50. An excellent, well-illustrated book for small collections discusses, in non-technical language, a wide variety of early Americana from Windsor chairs to coverlets.
- Priolo, Jean. *Designs—and how to use them*. Sterling. 5.95. A generous collection of unusual designs, on a wide range of subjects, with a brief discussion of techniques for use on various materials.
- Rapport, Samuel, ed. *America remembers; our best-loved customs and traditions*. Hanover. 3.95. Selections from many well-loved books recall familiar aspects of American life—weddings, funerals, holidays, husking bees, revival meetings, sports, and other social occasions.
- Richardson, E. P. *Painting in America; the story of 450 years*. Crowell. 10.00. A thorough study covering all significant artists and important works in the history of American painting.

Rossiter, Clinton. *The American presidency*. Harcourt. 2.95. More than just another book on the "greatest job in the world," this is a readable, timely evaluation of the functions of the office and certain modifications made by the most recent incumbents.

Rowan, Carl. *The pitiful and the proud*. Random. 5.00. Mr. Rowan spent most of 1954 in southeast Asia as an International Educational Exchange lecturer. This book tells what he saw and learned of these countries and their people, their faults and virtues, and their attitudes toward the U. S.

Saint, Dora. *Village school; by Miss Read, pseud.* Houghton. 3.00. Warm-hearted account of a year in an English village school and of the life that went on in the village around it.

Seldes, Gilbert. *The public arts*. Simon. 3.95. Mainly concerned with television and radio, the author raises many questions as he explores the problems in these fields that the public can correct.

Sevareid, Eric. *Small sounds in the night; a collection of capsule commentaries on the American scene*. Knopf. 3.50. These observations on current events, taken from a series of radio broadcasts, have not lost their informal, conversational tone in the change from one medium to another.

Stern, Renee. *101 ideas for clubs; club names, Greek letter meanings, mottoes, insignia, jewel and flower symbols, club colors and their meanings, initiation suggestions, patterns for speeches, prophecies, patterns for letters, by-laws, parliamentary procedures*. Sterling. 2.00.

Stone, Irving. *Men to match my mountains; the opening of the Far West, 1840-1900*. Doubleday. 5.95. A panoramic history of the settlement of the far Southwest gives a spirited picture of the people and events.

Stuart, Jesse. *The year of my rebirth*. McGraw-Hill. 4.75. The novelist tells of the period of his recovery from a serious heart attack.

Teale, Edwin Way. *Autumn across America*. Dodd. 5.75. The famous naturalist describes autumn as he saw it on a journey from Cape Cod to the Pacific. Beautiful photographs.

Tharp, Louise. *Three saints and a sinner: Julia Ward Howe, Louisa, Annie and Sam Ward*. Little. 5.00. Biography of

the composer of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and of her brother and sisters, by the author of *The Peabody sisters of Salem*.

Warren, Robert Penn. *Segregation: the inner conflict in the South*. Random. 1.95. As a native Southerner and a distinguished author, Warren reports southern opinion, both black and white, and gives the reader a thought-compelling picture of the complexities of the problem.

Wilkinson, Douglas. *Land of the long day*. Holt. 4.00. Mr. Wilkinson lived for a year as a member of an Eskimo family on Baffin Island. In this book he tells of the Eskimos as he learned to know them—their hard and perilous life, the amazing skills they have developed to cope with it, the effects of their contacts with the white men.

Additional Titles

Auden, W. S., ed. *The Criterion book of modern American verse*. Criterion. 5.00.
Cheney, Sheldon. *A new World history of art*. Viking. 8.50.

Frankfurter, Felix. *Of law and men; papers and addresses, 1939-1956*. Harcourt. 6.75.
Kimbrough, Emily. *Water, water everywhere*. Harper. 3.75.

Krutch, J. W. *The great chain of life*. Houghton. 3.75.

Moody, Ralph. *The home ranch*. Norton. 3.50.

Overstreet, Harry, and Overstreet, Bonaro. *The mind goes forth; the drama of understanding*. Norton. 3.95.

Scherman, Katharine. *Spring on an Arctic island*. Little. 5.00.

Thurber, James. *Further Fables for our time*. Simon. 3.50

Truman, Margaret. *Souvenir*. McGraw-Hill. 3.95.

Fiction

Benson, Benjamin. *The ninth hour*. Mill. 3.00. Novel of suspense. A dramatic, hour-by-hour account of an attempted prison-break.

Brebner, Winston. *Doubting Thomas*. Rinehart. 3.00. A minor civil servant, crushed by the bureaucratic inhumanity of his work, finds release once a year by becoming an anonymous, beloved clown in his town's holiday masquerade celebration.

Cary, Joyce. *A house of children*. Harper. 3.50. A story of childhood, of a group

- of young cousins summering on the Irish coast in the 1890's.
- Dodson, Kenneth. *Stranger to the shore*. Little. 3.95. An entertaining story of adventure and romance when an American freighter puts in to a Chilean port for a load of defense ore.
- Goepp, Ada. *Small pond*. Westminster. 3.50. Rivalry and romance when two new members join a college faculty.
- Hersey, John. A single pebble. Knopf. 3.00. Short, sensitive novel about a young American engineer prospecting for a dam site on the Yangtze River, and about the profound effect of his encounter with the river and the life on it.
- Hulme, Kathryn. *The nun's story*. Little. 4.00. Biographical novel about a young nun and her life in the convent and, as a nurse, in hospitals and missions.
- Jacobson, Dan. *A dance in the sun*. Harcourt. 3.50. A poetic and moving novel on the problems of black and white in South Africa. A Boer couple live in dread while a young Kaffir searches for his sister who has mysteriously disappeared.
- Lancaster, Bruce. *Roll, Shenandoah*. Little. 3.95. Novel of the Civil War. A young disabled veteran, becoming a newspaper reporter, follows General Sheridan's campaign in the Shenandoah Valley.
- Lania, Leo. *The foreign minister*. Houghton. 3.50. A democratic leader in a country just engulfed by communism looks back over his life and his country's history.
- Letton, Jennette, and Letton, Francis. *The Robsart affair*. Harper. 3.50. A romantic story of the start of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England and of her love for Robert Dudley.
- Maughan, A. M. *Harry of Monmouth*. Sloane. 4.50. Novel about King Henry V of England, the hero of Agincourt. Doubting his right to the crown and dreading the burdens of rule, Henry nevertheless became a great king, leading his country with courage and justice.
- O'Connor, Edwin. *The last hurrah*. Little. 4.00. Amusing but penetrating picture of the rise and eventual defeat of a typical big-city politician in a thinly disguised "Boston Irish" community.
- Parker, Richard. *Harm intended*. Scribner. 3.00. With wonderfully vivid characterizations of a family with five children, the author tells a thrilling suspense story of a crime at a British seashore town.
- Prescott, Hilda. *Son of dust*. Macmillan. 3.75. A beautifully written story of a tender love in the brutal world of eleventh century Normandy.
- Seifert, Shirley. *Let my name stand fair*. Lippincott. 3.95. An historical novel dealing with Nathaniel Greene, who rose from private to major general in the American Revolutionary Army, and of his beautiful, vivacious wife.
- Stephan, Ruth. *The flight*. Knopf. 4.00. Novel about Queen Christina of Sweden, who was crowned in 1644, then was converted to Catholicism and abdicated her throne in 1654.
- West, Rebecca. *The fountain overflows*. Viking. 5.00. Complicated family problems in London of fifty years ago, told with Rebecca West's wit, humor, and charming characterization.

Additional Titles

- Arkell, Reginald. *The miracle of Merriford*. Viking. 2.95.
- Bard, Mary. *Just be yourself*. Lippincott. 3.50.
- Breneman, Mary, pseud. *The land they possessed*. Macmillan. 3.75.
- Chute, Beatrice. *Greenwillow*. Dutton. 3.50.
- Coles, Manning. *The far traveller*. Doubleday. 3.00.
- Corbett, Elizabeth. *The head of Apollo*. Lippincott. 3.50.
- Hargrove, Marion. *The girl he left behind; or, All quiet in the third platoon*. Viking. 2.95.
- Lawrence, Josephine. *The empty nest*. Harcourt. 3.95.
- Lester, Bernard. *Weatherby crisis*. Twayne. 3.50.
- Moberg, Vilhelm. *When I was a child*. Knopf. 3.50.
- Parker, Cornelia. *Fabulous valley*. Putnam. 4.50.
- Stewart, Mary. *Madam, will you talk*. Mill. 3.50.
- Thompson, Ariadne. *The octagonal heart*. Bobbs. 3.50.
- Wibberley, Leonard. *McGillicuddy McGotham*. Little. 3.00.

The rural library aid program is getting started

There is a great need for rural library development in Minnesota.

Successful development of library services depends on local interest and activity

Interested people in many areas are beginning to work together to develop definite plans.

What can you — one enthusiastic person — do?

Inform yourself on what a library system would mean in your community;

Talk with other people in your community and get them interested in and informed about the new library idea;

Get in touch with like-minded people in neighboring communities . . . forgetting county lines;

Keep your county commissioners informed of your interest in developing more and better library service;

Write to the Library Division, State Department of Education, asking for help:

Someone to meet with your group to explain and answer questions.

Someone to help your group work out plans for development in your own area.

Library Activities

District Library Meetings

Sponsored by the Minnesota Library Association and the Library Division
of the State Department of Education

April 25-May 9, 1957

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Thursday, April 25.....	St. Cloud Public Library.....	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mrs. Merle Lennartson, local chairman		
Tuesday, April 30.....	Faribault Public Library.....	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Esther M. Reinke, local chairman		
Wednesday, May 1.....	New Ulm Public Library.....	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mrs. Ruth Fering, local chairman		
Tuesday, May 7.....	Fergus Falls Public Library.....	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Elsie Grina, local chairman		
Thursday, May 9.....	Eveleth Public Library.....	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Kathleen McCormick, local chairman		

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Theme: Know the Past and Look to the Future

9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration and coffee hour

10:00-12:00 a.m. Minnesota Centennial
Library participation
Speaker furnished by Centennial Commission

12:15- 1:45 p.m. Lunch

2:00- 4:00 p.m. A Look to the Future
Progress reports—Minnesota Library Association and
Library Division
Workshop on Using Library Aid. "What do we do now?"

American Library Association Annual Convention

June 23-29, 1957

Headquarters: Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Missouri

American Association of School Librarians

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A.L.A. Housing Bureau, 1030 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri

Special Libraries Association Convention

May 26-30, 1957

Boston, Massachusetts